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TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1885-6.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.

ROYAL T. MANN. JOHN B. THAYER. RUFUS A. THAYER.

Town Clerk and Treasurer.

HIRAM C. ALDEN.

School Committee.

THOMAS DOLAN	Term expires April 1, 1886.
JOHN B. WREN	" " " 1, 1887.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " " 1, 1888.

Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

DANIEL HOWARD	Term expires April 1, 1886.
WINSLOW BATTLES	" " " 1, 1887.
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN	" " " 1, 1888.

Auditors.

CHARLES G. HATHAWAY. ELISHA MANN, JR.
CHARLES F. McMAHON.

Constables.

THOMAS FARRELL.	HENRY H. SHEDD.
FRANK J. DONOHUE.	MICHAEL STANTON.
E. LAWRENCE PAINE.	ADAM F. JONES.
JOHN P. ROONEY.	

Tax Collector.

FRANK N. DEANE.

Fence Viewers.

EPHRAIM MANN. ADAM F. JONES. AUGUSTUS J. TOWNS.

Registrars of Voters.

JOHN T. FLOOD.	J. WHITE BELCHER.*
HIRAM C. ALDEN.	GEORGE W. WALES.
GEORGE H. WILKINS.	

Engineers of the Fire Department.

CHARLES A. WALES, *Chief*. WILLIAM A. CROAK, *Clerk*.
JOHN HANEY.

Superintendent of Almshouse.

CALVIN SANFORD.

Keeper of Lock-up.

COLIN BOYD.

Representatives to the General Court.

WILLIAM W. HURLEY, of Randolph. HENRY FITZPATRICK, of
Stoughton.

*Resigned.

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

To the Inhabitants of Randolph:

The fiftieth annual report of the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor is herewith presented for your consideration.

At the last annual meeting, the sum of three thousand dollars was appropriated for the reduction of the town debt. The debt has been reduced during the past year (as per treasurer's report) about two thousand dollars. The amount expended on account of water supply, for which no appropriation was made, and damage to the streets by the late freshet, amounting to nearly one thousand dollars, are the principal causes why the debt has not been further reduced.

HIGHWAYS.

The repairs of highways during the past year have been under the direction of district surveyors elected at the last annual meeting. The amount expended in excess of the appropriation was caused largely by heavy rains during the summer, which washed the streets badly, and by the recent freshet, causing extra repairs costing nearly four hundred dollars, which amount is very small when compared with the expense incurred by the surrounding towns.

SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Considering the wretched and almost impassable condition of Warren street, from Main street to the depot, during the

early spring, we decided to devote a large share of the appropriation for special repairs to its improvement, and have excavated and filled with stone the bed of the street, improved drains, and paved the gutter on the south side. This work has cost about seven hundred dollars, and, we believe, is an improvement very generally appreciated by our citizens, and we would recommend a similar treatment for Depot street (leading from Main to Warren streets) which we think may be done at an expense not exceeding three hundred dollars.

SIDEWALKS.

Sidewalks have been built on Howard and School streets, at a cost not exceeding the appropriation for the purpose.

PAVING.

The appropriation for this purpose was used in paving gutters on Union, Short and Main streets. This work tends to protect the streets from washing, and we are sure is money well expended.

REMOVING LEDGE.

In removing the ledge near the residence of S. W. Willard, it was decided that the use of a steam drill would be the most economical method of operation, and Mr. Pike, who was in charge, employed T. B. Hadley, a man of large experience with this kind of work. The ledge has been thoroughly broken and a portion removed, considerably increasing the width of the street at that point. We consider the stone thus secured worth a large share of the amount expended, and we would recommend that they be retained for future use of the town.

GUIDE POSTS.

Guide posts have been erected and maintained within the town in accordance with chapter 53 of the Public Statutes.

APPROPRIATIONS

AS VOTED BY THE TOWN; ALSO COUNTY AND STATE TAX.

For schools,	\$8,000 00
Stetson high school,	1,500 00
repairs of highways,	2,700 00
removing rock in highway, North street	500 00
general town expenses,	12,700 00
enlarging almshouse,	1,000 00
reduction of town debt,	3,000 00
sidewalk, Howard street,	250 00
Fire Department,	1,980 00
decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Braintree records,	450 00
medical attendance on the poor,	350 00
County tax,	1,545 29
State tax,	2,175 00
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Total,	\$36,250 29

TAXABLE VALUATION, MAY 1, 1885.

Real estate,	\$1,465,450 00
Personal estate,	532,750 00
Bank stock owned by residents and taxed in the state,	232,806 00

Corporation stock owned by residents and taxed

by the state,	\$207,947 00
Total valuation,	<u>\$2,438,953 00</u>

Rate of taxation, May 1, 1885, \$14.00 on \$1000.

Number of polls May 1, 1885,	1,155
of dwellings May 1, 1885,	789 $\frac{5}{8}$
of horses May 1, 1885,	324
of cows May 1, 1885,	192
of acres of land taxed May 1, 1885,	5,906 $\frac{2}{3}$

ESTIMATED VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY
THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1886.

Almshouse property and farm,	\$12,000 00
Town house and land,	18,000 00
Three fire engine houses and lock-up,	4,200 00
One hook and ladder carriage and apparatus,	1,200 00
Two steam fire engines and apparatus,	10,500 00
One Babcock engine and apparatus,	1,150 00
One hearse,	200 00
Ten acres salt marsh,	500 00
Twenty acres of land, Upham lot,	400 00
School-house and land, District No. 1,	2,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 2,	6,000 00
School-house and land, District No. 3,	1,350 00
School-house and land, District No. 4,	5,750 00
School-house and land, District No. 5,	1,200 00
School-house and land, District No. 6,	1,600 00
Prescott school-house and land,	15,000 00
Eight shares in the Randolph National Bank,	1,440 00

Stetson school fund, par value,	10,600 00
Turner school fund, par value,	1,000 00
Turner free library,	5,000 00
Turner free library, building and land, . .	40,000 00
Turner free library fund,	5,000 00
Turner fund,	10,000 00
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Total	\$154,090 00

EXPENDITURES.

The selectmen have drawn orders on the treasurer amounting to \$36,567.45 :

On account of schools,	\$8,917 22
of Stetson high school,	1,500 00
of highways,	3,221 31
of removing snow,	281 67
of sidewalk, Howard street,	199 14
of paving,	224 88
of ledge near Willard's,	524 39
of town officers,	1,979 24
of state aid,	1,556 00
of military aid,	1,428 10
of decoration of soldiers' graves, .	100 00
of abatement of taxes,	412 90
of funeral expenses,	215 00
of fire department,	1,925 57
of soldiers' bounty,	200 00
of miscellaneous expenses,	1,668 39
of poor in almshouse,	2,936 96
of poor out of almshouse,	3,521 98
of poor of Randolph and Holbrook, .	1,114 88

On account of poor of other towns, . . .	\$1,655 91
of state paupers and tramps, . . .	155 44
of water supply, . . .	1,118 00
of almshouse addition, . . .	1,710 47
Total,	<u>\$36,567 45</u>

RECAPITULATION.

	Appropriations.	Expenditures
For schools,	\$8,000 00	} \$8,917 22
Income from other sources, . . .	763 04	
Stetson high school, . . .	1,500 00	1,500 00
Poor out of almshouse,		
state paupers and tramps, . . .	4,350 00	*3,813 31
Poor in almshouse, . . .	2,300 00	*1,755 99
Poor belonging to Ran-		
dolph and Holbrook, . . .	800 00	*743 25
Poor of other towns, . . .		‡1,655 91
Repairs of highways, . . .	1,500 00	2,103 71
Special repairs highways, . . .	800 00	†783 05
Removing snow, . . .	200 00	281 67
Paving,	200 00	224 88
Removing ledge, . . .	500 00	524 39
Sidewalk, Howard street, . . .	250 00	199 14
Town officers,	2,000 00	1,979 24
Miscellaneous expenses, . . .	1,500 00	1,668 39
Fire department, . . .	1,980 00	1,925 50
State aid,		‡1,556 00
Military aid, $\frac{1}{2}$ from state, . . .	800 00	714 05
Abatement of taxes, . . .		412 90
Decoration of soldiers'		
graves,	100 00	100 00

* Net receipts.

‡ To be refunded.

† Less receipts.

Funeral expenses, . . .		\$215 00
Soldiers' bounty, . . .	\$200 00	*133 33
Almshouse addition, . . .	1,000 00	1,710 47
Water supply, . . .		*598 50

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—ISAAC N. LINFIELD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping		
roads,		\$90 55
Isaac N. Linfield, for single team, 24 days, .		84 00
Thomas Good, for single team, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, .		8 75
Town team, for $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,		7 88
James Blythe, for labor, 13 days, . . .		22 78
Thomas Ward, for labor, 6 days, . . .		10 51
Matthew Graham, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .		8 13
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .		6 13
Thomas Duff, for labor, 1 day,		1 75
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .		7 88
William C. Barry, for labor, 1 day, . . .		1 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 1 day,		1 75
Thomas Mulligan, for labor, $1\frac{8}{10}$ days, . .		3 15
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 1 day, . . .		1 75
John Callihan, for labor, 1 day,		1 75
James Dennehy, for labor, 1 day,		1 75
Charles F. Adams, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .		6 13
Frederick Bodwell, for labor,		50
Ebenezer Alden, for 90 loads of gravel, .		6 30
Warren street, for 38 loads of gravel, .		3 80

* Net receipts.

Paid Isaac N. Linfield and others, for repairing washouts,	\$24 50
Total,	<u>\$301 49</u>

DISTRICT NO. 3. — JAMES RILEY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$60 37
James Riley, for single team 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, .	44 62
Royal T. Mann, for single team, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	15 75
Charles H. Mann, for single team, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	12 25
Royal T. Mann, for double team, 1 day, .	5 00
Thomas Johnson, for labor, 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{9}{10}$ days, .	34 90
Andrew Tracy, for labor, 4 days, . .	7 00
Patrick Barry, for labor, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	11 37
Charles F. Bean, for labor, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	4 37
Joseph Donovan, for labor, 2 days, . .	3 50
John A. Mann, for labor, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, . .	6 12
Patrick Clark, for labor, 2 days, . .	2 00
Joseph Riley, for labor, 2 days, . .	1 50
Florence Sullivan, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	9 62
Ebenezer Holbrook, for labor, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, .	9 62
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 5 days, . .	8 75
Maurice E. Scanlon, for labor, 3 days, .	5 25
Charles H. Mann, for labor, 2 days, .	3 50
James Riley, for labor, 1 day, . .	1 75
Amasa S. Niles, for 73 loads of gravel, .	5 14
Joshua Hunt, for 68 loads of gravel, .	5 03
John P. Campion, 31 loads of gravel, .	2 20
F. H. Langley, sharpening tools, . .	60
James Riley and others, for repairing washouts,	156 13
Total,	<u>\$416 34</u>

DISTRICT NO. 5. — MARTIN L. EDDY, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$10 06
Manus Gallagher, for single team, 6 days,	21 00
Lincoln Stetson, for single team, $3\frac{3}{10}$ days,	11 55
Francis E. Stetson, for single team, $6\frac{11}{10}$ days,	13 50
Michael Lee, for single team, 2 days,	7 00
Martin L. Eddy, for labor, $17\frac{9}{10}$ days,	30 54
Charles Bump, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 12
John Devine, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 12
Whitman Stetson, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days,	6 12
Alva M. Nightingale, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days	9 62
Morton Holbrook, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Paul T. Clark, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Manus Gallagher, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Jedediah French, for labor, $2\frac{9}{10}$ days,	5 07
Martin L. Eddy, for 3 loads of gravel,	18
Charles A. Hayden, for 25 loads of gravel,	1 50
Mrs. Amasa Clark, for 174 loads of gravel,	13 92
Martin L. Eddy and others, for repairing wash- outs,	67 78
Total,	<hr/> \$218 83

DISTRICT NO. 6. — JAMES KEENAN, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$80 50
James Keenan, for single team, 9 days,	31 50
Michael Ford, for single team, 2 days,	7 00
James Keenan, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Michael Ford, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Michael Laghan, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Patrick McMahon, for labor, 1 day,	1 75

Paid Jamas Barry, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	\$4 38
Patrick Barry, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
James Sutton, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
John Manning, for 45 loads of gravel,	2 25
Michael Ford, for 51 loads of gravel,	2 55
James Keenan and others, for repairing wash- outs,	32 14
Total,	<u>\$183 07</u>

DISTRICT NO. 7. — THOMAS GOOD, SURVEYOR.

Paid Thomas Good, for single team, $13\frac{3}{4}$ days,	\$48 11
Town team, for $6\frac{7}{10}$ days,	10 74
Thomas Good, for labor, $5\frac{1}{10}$ days,	9 97
Matthew Graham, for labor, $7\frac{3}{10}$ days,	12 77
Patrick Bohan, for labor, $13\frac{3}{10}$ days,	23 26
William Cunningham, for labor, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days,	5 68
Thomas Whalen, for labor, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days,	9 63
J. O'Connors, for labor, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days,	4 25
C. Perry, for labor, 1 day,	50
D. Good, for labor, 1 day,	50
J. Barry, for labor, 1 day,	50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
John Moore, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
John Callahan, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
George W. Pierce, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	1 50
Martin P. Pike, for labor, 1 day,	2 00
Francis Smith, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
Robert Uniack, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
D. McCarthy, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Thomas Duff, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
John Desmond, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 00

Paid Michael Lee, for labor, 3½ days, . . .	\$5 25
James Dannehy, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 37
Thomas Mulligan, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Daniel A. Elliott, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
George B. Dench, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 74
Warren street, for gravel, . . .	9 60
E. M. Roel, estate for gravel, . . .	1 68
Charles A. Wales, for 102 loads of gravel, .	7 62
Thomas Good and others, repairing wash- outs,	40 33
Total,	<u>\$224 49</u>

DISTRICT NO. 8. — ADAM F. JONES, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$30 19
Adam F. Jones, for single team, 12½ days, .	42 00
John Meaney, for single team, 5 days, . .	16 50
Town team, for 15½ days, . . .	27 12
Adam F. Jones, for horse and cart, 1 day, .	1 50
Elbridge Jones, for labor, 3 days, . . .	4 50
Owen Cox, for labor, 9½ days, . . .	16 00
Anthony Abbenzeller, for labor, 3½ days, .	5 25
P. McGrane, for labor, 1½ days, . . .	2 25
John McGrane, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Heany, for labor, 1½ days, . . .	2 25
Thomas Riley, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 00
Richard Meany, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 00
Patrick Meany, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 50
David A. Hearn, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
William C. Barry, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75

Paid Frank Sutton, for labor, 3 days, . . .	\$5 25
James Blythe, for labor, 5½ days, . . .	9 63
Patrick Manning, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Adam F. Jones, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 11 days, . . .	19 25
John Desmond, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Thomas Duff, for labor, 2½ days, . . .	4 37
Matthew Graham, for labor, 12½ days, . . .	21 87
Frederick Miller, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
Thomas Ward, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Charles Adams, for labor, 6 days, . . .	10 50
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Martin P. Pike, for labor, ⅔ day . . .	1 05
Seth Mann, 2d, for 3 loads of gravel, . . .	30
Charles A. Wales, for 83 loads of gravel, . . .	8 30
Thomas F. Lynch, estate, for 5 loads of gravel,	50
Ebenezer Alden, for 112 loads of gravel . . .	11 20
Warren street, for gravel and team work . . .	119 00
Adam F. Jones, for removing wall, . . .	4 50
J. F. Porter, for use of screen, . . .	1 00
Adam F. Jones, for bridge stone, . . .	2 00
Adam F. Jones, for supplies, . . .	1 25
Matthew Graham and others, for repairing washouts,	49 79
Total,	<hr/> \$478 07

DISTRICT NO. 10.—MARTIN P. PIKE, SURVEYOR.

Paid Martin P. Pike and others, for scraping roads,	\$52 93
Josiah Clark, for team,	5 50

Paid town team, for labor, 8 days, . . .	\$14 00
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $9\frac{4}{5}$ days, . . .	17 12
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
M. P. Pike, for labor, 9 days, . . .	18 00
Matthew Graham, for labor, 10 days, . . .	17 50
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Mason Lovering, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
Thomas Duff, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Aaron Prescott, for 107 loads of gravel, . .	10 70
J. Clark, for sand,	75
Warren street, for gravel and team work, .	70 75
Martin P. Pike and others, repairing wash- outs,	21 42
Total,	<hr/> \$281 42

HIGHWAYS, SPECIAL REPAIRS.

Paid town team, for labor, $69\frac{7}{10}$ days, . . .	\$121 94
Thomas Good, for single team, 3 days, . . .	10 50
Adam F. Jones, for single team, 3 days, . .	10 50
Martin F. Smith, for horse and cart, 7 days,	12 25
R. T. Mann, for team,	10 50
R. A. Thayer, for team,	4 00
Manus Gallagher, for team,	1 75
Matthew Graham, for labor, $47\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	94 52
Thomas Duff, for labor, $42\frac{6}{10}$ days, . . .	74 55
Charles A. Alden, for labor, $20\frac{7}{10}$ days, . .	36 40
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $43\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	76 12
John Desmond, for labor, $33\frac{1}{5}$ days, . . .	58 10

Paid William C. Barry, for labor, $40\frac{2}{5}$ days,	\$70 70
Lewis Jones, for labor, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days,	42 87
Patrick Bohan, for labor, $30\frac{1}{2}$ days,	53 37
John Callahan, for labor, $33\frac{4}{5}$ days,	59 15
Robert McAuliffe, for labor, $7\frac{3}{10}$ days,	12 77
Martin P. Pike, for labor, $4\frac{7}{10}$ days,	9 40
Thomas Mulligan, for labor, 5 days,	8 75
B. O'Mahoney, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
David A'Hearn, for labor, 8 days,	14 00
William Shields, for labor, 4 days,	7 00
James Blythe, for labor, $4\frac{1}{2}$ days,	7 87
Cornelius A'Hearn, for labor, 2 days,	3 50
James Dannehy, for labor, $20\frac{1}{2}$ days,	35 87
Patrick Barry, for labor, $11\frac{4}{5}$ days,	20 65
John Dunn, for labor, $8\frac{4}{5}$ days,	15 40
John O'Keefe, for labor, $10\frac{1}{5}$ days,	17 85
John Moore, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days,	4 38
John B. Thayer, for labor, $16\frac{1}{2}$ days,	33 00
David Irving, for labor, 8 days,	14 00
James Sutton, for labor, $3\frac{1}{5}$ days,	5 60
James Barry, for labor, 3 days,	5 25
Owen Cox, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Emory Delano, Jr., for labor, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days,	2 62
Patrick Welch, for labor, $2\frac{2}{5}$ days,	4 20
Patrick Meighan, for labor, 1 day,	1 75
Joseph Crosby, for labor, $\frac{7}{10}$ day,	1 22
William Cunningham, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day,	87
Martin F. Smith, for labor, $\frac{1}{5}$ day,	35
G. D. Goodrich & Co., for drain tile,	11 20
William Ryan, for lighting street,	4 50
John Desmond for stone,	50

Paid Daniel Kelliher, for bridge stone, . . .	\$ 60
Patrick Bohan, for stone, . . .	8 88
James Keenan, for carting stone, . . .	24 15
Josiah Clark, for carting stone, . . .	17 35
Thomas Good, for carting stone, . . .	4 20
Manus Gallagher, for carting stone, . . .	8 40
Adam F. Jones, for bridge stone, . . .	1 50
Michael Ford, for 38 loads of gravel, . . .	3 80
Charles Belcher, for 100 loads of gravel, . . .	10 00
Seth Mann, 2d, for 13 loads of gravel, . . .	1 30
Charles A. Wales, for eight loads of gravel, . . .	80
Ebenezer Alden, for gravel, . . .	2 17
Samuel Howard, for sand, . . .	25
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber, . . .	16 68
M. P. Pike, for railing street, . . .	10 10
F. H. Langley, for labor and material, . . .	16 00
M. M. Alden, for labor, . . .	5 45
R. A. Thayer, for guide posts and labor, . . .	1 00

Total,	<u>\$1,117 60</u>
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By cash paid treasurer for gravel sold from Warren street,	334 55
Net cost,	<u>\$783 05</u>

PAVING HIGHWAYS.

Paid Payson & Co., for paving,	\$48 00
Waldo S. Page, for paving,	31 50
Town team, for labor, 12 days,	21 00
Martin F. Smith, for single team, $\frac{1}{5}$ day,	70

Paid Matthew Graham, for labor, 9 days, . . .	\$18 00
John B. Thayer, for labor, 5 days, . . .	10 00
John Whalin, for labor, 9 days, . . .	15 75
John Desmond, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 6 days, . . .	10 50
Frederick Miller, for labor, $6\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	11 37
Daniel Kiley, for labor, 5 days, . . .	8 75
Patrick Barry, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
John Flynn, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	4 37
John Callahan, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	87
Thomas Riley, for labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, . . .	87
John B. Thayer, for lighting street, . . .	50
Thomas Whalin, for stone, . . .	3 60
Moses C. Beal, estate, for stone, . . .	2 50
Sarah B. Alden, for stone, . . .	1 00
Martin P. Pike, for stone, . . .	7 60
Charles A. Wales, for gravel, . . .	3 30
T. Fardy & Son, for sharpening tools, . . .	20
Total,	<hr/> \$224 88

SIDEWALK, HOWARD STREET.

Paid Thomas Good, for single team, 2 days, . . .	\$7 00
Town team, for labor, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	6 12
Matthew Graham, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 50
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 8 days, . . .	14 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, . . .	4 37
Patrick Bohan, for labor, 7 days, . . .	12 25
Martin P. Pike, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
John O'Keefe, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John Desmond, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25

Paid Thomas Riley, for labor, 1 day, . . .	\$1 75
John Callihan, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Nicholas Moore, for bridge stone, . . .	1 00
Warren street, for gravel and team work, .	129 40
Total,	<u>\$199 14</u>

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid Elbridge Jones and others,	\$2 50
Thomas Good and others,	62 50
R. T. Mann and others,	44 85
M. P. Pike and others,	4 80
James Riley and others,	51 25
James Keenan and others,	29 85
Matthew Graham and others,	22 55
Thomas Whalin and others	20 80
Martin L. Eddy and others,	32 57
Adam F. Jones and others,	10 00
Total,	<u>\$281 67</u>

WATER SUPPLY.

Paid M. M. Tidd, for services as engineer, .	\$662 60
H. A. French, for meals for engineers, .	14 50
Gaston & Whitney, for professional services,	350 00
Daniel H. Huxford, for printing 1200 water reports,	75 00
James M. Jones, for labor,	10 00
R. A. Thayer, for team and expenses, .	3 90
A. J. Gove, for carriage hire,	2 00
	<u>\$1,118 00</u>

Refunded by the town of Holbrook, . . .	\$519 50
Total paid by town of Randolph, . . .	<u>\$598 50</u>

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Paid Royal T. Mann,	\$400 00
John B. Thayer,	300 00
Rufus A. Thayer,	300 00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid Thomas Dolan,	120 00
John B. Wren,	100 00
Thaddeus T. Cushman,	100 00

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Paid John T. Flood,	50 00
Hiram C. Alden,	75 00
J. White Belcher,	50 00
George W. Wales,	50 00
Town auditors for the year ending March 1, 1885,	10 00
Engineers of fire department, for services and extra time to May 1, 1885,	93 61

COLLECTING TAXES.

Paid E. M. Roel estate, collecting taxes, 1884, .	276 63
Frank N. Deane, collecting taxes, 1884, .	54 00
Total,	<u>\$1,979 24</u>

SOLDIERS' BOUNTY.

Paid Nelson E. Knight as per vote, . . .	\$100 00
Lucinda Curtis as per vote, . . .	100 00
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	\$200 00
Refunded by the town of Holbrook, . . .	66 67
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Total	\$133 33

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Paid Post 110, G.A.R.,	\$100 00
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Total,	\$100 00

STATE AID.

Paid sundry persons (as per account state),	\$1,556 00
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Total,	\$1,556 00

MILITARY AID (ch. 30, sec. 10).

Paid sundry persons (as per account state), .	\$1,428 10
One half paid by the state,	714 05
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Total paid by the town,	\$714 05

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Edson M. Roel, for the year 1884, . . .	\$246 80
Frank N. Deane, for the year 1884, . . .	166 10
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Total,	\$412 90

FUNERAL EXPENSES.

Paid Ralph Houghton, attending 68 funerals, .	\$215 00
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Total,	\$215 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid sundry bills (for items see engineer's report),	\$1,925 57
Total,	<u>\$1,925 57</u>

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Daniel H. Huxford, printing 1300 town re- ports,	\$240 80
Daniel H. Huxford, printing warrants, jurors' lists and advertising,	142 50
J. White Belcher, for insurance,	150 86
Seth Mann, 2d, for insurance,	91 25
Royal W. Turner, for insurance,	45 00
Constables, for services July 3 and 4,	52 50
Howard House, entertaining town officers,	27 75
Thomas Farrell, for special services,	70 00
E. Lawrence Payne, for special services,	65 50
Frank J. Donohue, for special services,	22 25
Samuel A. Foster, for special services,	12 50
Hiram Snow, for special services,	20 50
Colin Boyd, for care of selectmen's rooms,	25 00
Louisa Hodsdon, for injury on highway,	60 00
Richard F. Keith, for injury on highway,	75 00
Expenses on Winslow case,	39 26
Gaston & Whitney, for professional services,	100 00
Jabez Talbot, for writing deed,	2 00
Josiah T. King, for labor,	2 00
Thomas Farrell, for serving warrants,	37 00
Colin Boyd, care and lighting hall, town meetings,	30 00

Paid E. M. Mann, for wood and labor, . . .	\$27 12
Chas. K. Darling, for assessors' and tax books, . . .	6 50
Charles K. Darling, for stationery, . . .	8 97
E. A. Perry, for labor and merchandise, . . .	11 10
A. B. Bartlett, for merchandise, . . .	50
Henry Campbell, for varnishing hearse, . . .	15 00
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	21 44
Town of Stoughton, for taxes, Upham lot, . . .	7 32
John T. Flood, for services as moderator, . . .	10 00
Wales Brothers, for labor and merchandise, . . .	17 00
Samuel L. Chessman, for lamp, . . .	4 00
George W. Pollock, for labor and mdse., . . .	4 00
E. A. Allen, for advertising, . . .	11 00
Charles A. Wales, for labor and mdse., . . .	15 55
Robert S. Jones, for book binding, . . .	6 25
Colin Boyd, care of lawn and posting no- tices,	16 50
A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . .	16 44
John H. Field, for box and postage, . . .	4 64
Board of health, for services, . . .	60 00
T. T. Cushman, for examining nuisances, . . .	10 00
Mann, Thayer & Thayer, for expenses, to Boston, Quincy, Taunton and other towns,	83 39
Total,	<u>\$1,668 39</u>

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

We have endeavored, while in the discharge of our duties as overseers of the poor during the past year, to inform ourselves, so far as possible, as to the actual condition of all applicants for public charity. And while trying to properly relieve all worthy cases, to also do justice to the claims of the professional beggar.

Mr. Calvin Sanford and wife, for the previous twelve years superintendent and matron of the almshouse at Milton, and who came very highly recommended, have had charge of the almshouse and town farm since May 1, when the resignation of Mr. Pike took effect.

We are satisfied that their former experience has been of much use to them in the discharge of their duties, and has materially served the interests of the town. Mr. Sanford was engaged at a salary of four hundred dollars per year, with the understanding that he was to devote his entire time to the almshouse and farm, and the latter has been much improved under his care, and large quantities of vegetables have been raised. Mrs. Sanford, in our opinion, is a superior woman for the position which she occupies as matron. The former neat and well-kept appearance of the house has been maintained, and the inmates properly cared for.

The town teams have been employed on repairs of streets as usual, and during the past season have earned the sum of \$357.71, besides doing a large amount of work on the farm.

ADDITION TO ALMSHOUSE.

The contract for the new addition to the almshouse was awarded to H. H. Francis, who was the lowest bidder. It contains ten rooms suitable for the use of inmates, also store room, bath room, wash room with set tubs, and a large and commodious kitchen. In building this addition, it was found necessary to make important improvements in the old part, which was built seventeen years ago. The heating apparatus has been thoroughly repaired, requiring a large outlay for new pipe. It will be necessary to shingle the main house the coming year, after which, we think, no further repairs will be needed for some time.

The whole number supported at the almshouse during the year was twenty-three. Average number, sixteen and one-half.

NAMES OF PERSONS SUPPORTED IN THE ALMSHOUSE FOR
THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

David McKay,	Anna Holbrook,
Lewis Linfield,	Ellen Buckley,
Royal S. Holbrook, ‡	Mary E. Buckley, *
Luther F. Thayer, ‡	Catharine Heeney,
Eli Hayden, *	Teressa Long,
Lysander Holbrook,	Maggie Quinlan,
William Doyle,	Frances McMath,
William Shea,	Annie R. Brunbury,
James E. Upham,	Rose Brunbury,
Albert C. Holbrook, *	Mary Brunbury,
Maggie Morrisey,	Bartholomew Brunbury,
William Morrisey, Jr.	

* Discharged. ‡ Deceased.

SUPPLIES AND EXPENSES FOR THE ALMSHOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

Paid Martin P. Pike, salary two months, . . .	\$100 00
Calvin Sanford, salary ten months, . . .	333 33
J. White Belcher, for grain, . . .	85 50
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	140 97
Joel F. Sheppard & Sons, for coal, . . .	11 91
Charles Prescott & Co., for groceries, . . .	278 04
Josiah Clark, for meat, . . .	176 34
H. H. Guinan, for clothing, . . .	102 10
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	127 87
S. A. Thayer, for grain, flour, fertilizer, . . .	200 65
Ingalls & Kendrickken, repairing heating apparatus, . . .	150 00
H. H. Francis, for repairs, . . .	126 91
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . . .	37 00
Tucker Mfg. Co., for supplies, . . .	23 20
Charles A. Wales, for labor and supplies, . . .	118 81
F. H. Langley, for labor and material, . . .	54 73
Sidney French, for boots and shoes, . . .	49 40
William S. Hills, for flour, . . .	31 25
Howard Spurr & Co., for groceries, . . .	23 08
Briggs & Shattuck, for groceries, . . .	83 29
Jordan, Marsh & Co., dry goods, . . .	99 73
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, for groceries, . . .	13 33
McWilliams & Co., for butter, . . .	32 70
Adams & Co., for meat, . . .	3 86
W. L. Wilkins, for meat, . . .	34 20
Charles H. North & Co., for supplies, . . .	8 35
G. F. Austin & Co., for supplies, . . .	7 60

Paid A. J. Gove, for expressage, . . .	\$23 06
Joshua Hunt, for pigs, . . .	21 00
Hannah J. Knight, for cow, . . .	50 00
John F. Carey, for fish, . . .	15 59
Jacobs, Whitcomb & Co., for supplies, .	9 50
Joseph Hyde & Co., for supplies, . .	7 40
William H Cobb, for tools, . . .	18 17
John T. Cartwright, for repairing, . .	6 50
George Fowkes, for repairing, . . .	6 05
A. J. Towns, for ice, . . .	11 96
R. T. Mann, for salt hay, . . .	20 00
Wilmot Clothing Co., for clothing, . .	5 00
M. M. Alden, for labor and material, .	3 00
L. P. Soule, for supplies, . . .	3 04
O. C. R. Road, for freight, . . .	3 08
James Riley, for dressing hogs, . . .	3 00
E. A. Perry, for labor and material, . .	5 40
Thomas Devine, for two pigs, . . .	8 00
Simon Schrout, for supplies, . . .	11 58
R. T. Mann, for supplies, . . .	10 08
J. B. Rhines & Co., for lumber, . . .	28 79
Franklin Porter, for supplies, . . .	18 62
R. A. Thayer, for posts, . . .	4 33
N. Rosenfeld, for dry goods, . . .	27 97
E. A. Allen, for supplies, . . .	1 12
Ralph Houghton, for coffin, robe, R. S.	
Holbrook, . . .	16 00
Ellen Barry, for labor, . . .	10 00
Mrs. Holbrook, for dressmaking, . .	3 00
M. J. Melville, for labor, . . .	3 75
Ellen Buckley, expenses to hospital, . .	3 62

Paid M. P. Pike, for repairs,	56
Sundry persons for labor,	16 62
Sundry bills for mdse.,	51 55
F. C. Granger, for medical attendance,	21 84
A. L. Chase, for medical attendance,	12 36
W. M. Babbitt, for medical attendance,	10 39
T. T. Cushman, for medical attendance,	9 89
E. A. Allen, for medical attendance,	99
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	\$2,936 96

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For stock on hand, March 1, 1885,	\$2,327 45	
cash paid as per this report	2,936 96	
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By stock on hand, March 1, 1886,	\$2,605 05	
cash paid treasurer for labor of town teams,	357 71	
cash paid treasurer for produce sold,	83 35	
cash paid treasurer for board of Luther F. Thayer,	147 50	
cash paid treasurer for board of William Tilson,	54 00	
cash paid treasurer for board by the town of Holbrook,	260 81	
	<hr/>	3,508 42
Net expense of almshouse,		<hr/> \$1,755 99

ALMSHOUSE ENLARGING.

Paid H. H. Francis as per contract, . . .	\$1,345 00
Ingalls & Kendrick, for heating apparatus, . . .	155 00
John B. Thayer, for labor and material, . . .	65 80
Ellen Whalin, for stone, . . .	40 50
George W. Pierce, for labor, . . .	39 81
H. H. Francis, for extra labor, . . .	25 00
Thomas Whalin, for labor, 4½ days, . . .	7 87
Charles A. Alden, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
David Ahearn, for labor, 4 days, . . .	7 00
John O'Keefe, for labor, 3 days, . . .	5 25
John Dunn, for labor, 2 days, . . .	3 50
Thomas Duff, for labor, 1½ days, . . .	2 62
John Desmond, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
Matthew Graham, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
John Gill, for labor, 1 day, . . .	1 75
David Irving, for labor, ½ day . . .	87
Total,	<u>\$1,710 47</u>

RELIEF OF POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Paid for Horace E. Holbrook, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$196 21
for James F. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	168 43
for Mary A. Forrest, at State Lunatic Hos- pital,	168 09
for William J. Kinsley, at State Lunatic Hospital, in part,	235 91
for Edwin and Mary Cheesman,	271 43

Paid for Leonard A. Jones,	\$56 35
for Ann F. Thayer,	100 00
for Mrs. William S. Allen and family,	103 02
for Mrs. Edward Bracken and family,	197 12
for Mrs. Hugh McMahon and family,	153 88
for Mrs. John DeNeil and family,	165 68
for Mrs. Jonathan Hunt and family,	129 45
for Noah Holbrook and wife,	102 89
for Isaac Holbrook and wife,	138 67
for Alexander Holbrook and wife,	64 50
for Edmund F. Eddy and wife,	105 39
for Annie R. Brunbury and family,	65 55
for Mrs. John Lynch and family,	76 71
for Thomas Donahue and family,	27 60
for Luke O'Reilly and family,	113 84
for Hiram Holbrook and family,	59 00
for William Kelliher and family,	31 50
for Everett A. Poole and family,	17 00
for William Acherson and family,	83 39
for Mrs. James Butler,	45 00
for Loring Jones,	96 00
for Paul T. Clark,	40 86
for Eliza Myers,	60 00
for George C. Currie,	20 21
for Lucinda Holbrook (Jason, Jr.),	52 00
for Mrs. John Fencer,	32 25
for Mrs. Thomas Addison,	14 32
for Mrs. E. S. Pulson and family,	53 91
for William Thayer,	44 99
for Timothy Mannix,	15 50
for Mrs. Bernard Purcell, Jr.,	10 00

Paid for John Carey,	\$17 33
for Mrs. John O'Reilly,	9 89
for Patrick Barry,	10 50
for James Fitzgerald,	6 50
for Lizzie Harris Bird,	101 14
for Mrs. Maurice Colbath,	28 00
for John Leahey,	36 27
for Margaret Reilly,	18 40
for Frederick Miller,	4 00
for sundry bills for aid refunded,	98 11
for sundry persons' aid,	28 27
expenses for paupers,	50 92
Total,	<u>\$3,755 98</u>
Total amount drawn from treasurer,	\$3,521 98
Coal on hand March 1, 1885.	234 00
	<u>\$3,755 98</u>
Credit by aid refunded,	98 11
Net cost,	<u>\$3,657 87</u>

RELIEF OF POOR WHOSE MILITARY SETTLEMENT IS IN RANDOLPH AND HOLBROOK.*

Paid for Lewis N. Weathee, at State Lunatic Hospital,	\$180 99
for Mrs. Francis Boyle and family,	163 80
for Albert W. Stetson and family,	110 93
for Albert Howard and family,	73 21
for John E. Mann and family,	78 00

* One third paid by town of Holbrook.

Paid for Sarah A. (Morse) Bond and family, .	\$56 20
for Charles H. Eddy and family, . .	54 23
for Mary Mullins and family, . . .	48 00
for Christiana Sloan and family, . .	82 13
for Thomas F. Hand and family, . .	71 27
for Morton Holbrook and family, . .	73 90
for Eunice Leavitt,	24 00
for Lawrence F. Leavitt and family, . .	24 00
for James M. Holbrook and family, . .	25 30
for Charles W. Morse,	2 75
for George F. French,	5 00
for George W. Cook and family, . .	14 92
for Louisa Sloan,	20 00
for Henry I. Sloan,	6 25
Total,	<hr/> \$1,114 88

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Mrs. Nathaniel Nichols, Holbrook, .	\$249 00
for Mrs. Wilfred N. Pendergrass, Holbrook,	192 00
for Louisa Poole, Holbrook,	148 00
for Lucius Hollis and family, Holbrook, .	9 15
for Bridget Hoyer, Taunton,	51 00
for Alva M. Nightingale, Duxbury, . .	23 70
for Stephen Farnham, Methuen, . . .	87 00
for Mrs. Thomas H. Sanderson, Braintree,	180 81
for Harriet L. Mansfield, Braintree, . .	84 00
for Frederick Fowler, Jr., Easton, . .	296 00

Paid for Nathaniel Holbrook, Abington, . . .	\$335 25
Total,	<u>\$1,655 91</u>

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid Colin Boyd, keeper of lockup, . . .	\$140 00
R. W. Turner & Co., for coal, . . .	5 50
D. B. White & Co., for supplies, . . .	3 12
Frank F. Smith, for charcoal, . . .	3 60
Colin Boyd, for washing clothing, . . .	2 50
Colin Boyd, for supplies, . . .	72
Total,	<u>\$155 44</u>

Included in the expenses of the poor in almshouse, poor out of almshouse, and poor whose settlement is in Randolph and Holbrook, are the following sums of money paid to physicians for medical aid rendered for one year :

Dr. Frank C. Granger, 388 visits at $49\frac{3}{7}$ cents, . . .	\$191 78
Dr. Thaddeus T. Cushman, 78 visits, . . .	38 56
Dr. Charles C. Farnham, 68 visits, . . .	33 62
Dr. Augustus L. Chase, 50 visits, . . .	24 72
Dr. Emory A. Allen, 71 visits, . . .	35 11
Dr. Warren M. Babbitt, 53 visits, . . .	26 21
	<u>\$350 00</u>
Dr. Frank C. Granger, for medical aid (1884), . . .	\$84 02

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of

the selectmen, and find them correct, with proper vouchers for all orders drawn upon the treasurer.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors of the town of Randolph.

Randolph, March 17, 1886.

ALMHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

APPRAISAL OF STOCK, FURNITURE, PROVISIONS, &C.,
MARCH 1, 1886.

2 horses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$400 00
2 cows,	.	.	.	.	.	.	125 00
2 swine,	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
24 hens,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
5 tons of English hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	110 00
1½ tons of swale hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
1 ton of salt hay,	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
1 road-scraper,	.	.	.	.	.	.	175 00
2 horse carts,	.	.	.	.	.	.	120 00
1 carryall,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 farm wagon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
1 two-horse wagon,	.	.	.	.	.	.	70 00
1 swing drag,	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
1 mowing machine,	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
1 hay-cutter and feed trough,	.	.	.	.	.	.	8 00
2 gravel screens,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
2 cart harnesses,	.	.	.	.	.	.	30 00
1 carriage harness,	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00

1 pair of double harnesses,	\$50 00
1 two-horse sled with shafts and pole, . .	50 00
1 stump-puller and hook,	25 00
4 draft chains,	10 00
2 grindstones,	8 00
1 carriage jack,	2 00
6 baskets,	3 00
3 ploughs,	18 00
1 harrow,	5 00
7 hay and manure forks,	4 00
4 shovels,	3 00
2 iron bars and 3 picks,	5 00
4 hoes, 3 garden rakes, 4 hay rakes, . .	4 00
2 wood saws and 2 sawhorses,	3 00
3 scythes and snaths,	3 00
2 hand saws and fore plane,	4 00
1 set of bits, &c.,	2 00
3 hammers and 35 drills,	45 00
30 flour barrels,	4 50
12 cords of wood (sawed),	96 00
5 tons of coal,	30 00
45 bushels of potatoes,	27 00
Garden vegetables,	8 00
5 $\frac{1}{4}$ barrels of flour,	31 50
20 pounds of home made butter,	7 00
60 pounds of lard,	6 00
20 pounds of sausages,	2 00
280 pounds of salt pork,	28 00
120 pounds of ham,	14 40
180 pounds of corned beef,	12 60
50 pounds crackers,	3 00

40 pounds of prepared pie meat,	\$5 00
30 gallons of molasses,	15 00
25 gallons vinegar,	6 25
3 pecks of beans,	2 00
14 jars of preserves,	3 00
80 pounds of sugar,	5 60
12 pounds dried apples,	1 50
10 pounds rice,	60
30 pounds tea,	18 00
6 pounds coffee,	1 80
Spices,	2 00
6 pounds tobacco,	3 00
Grain and meal,	10 00
1 cooking range and furniture,	45 00
1 small stove,	5 00
1 fire extinguisher,	40 00
9 flat-irons,	4 50
1 sewing-machine,	16 00
1 ice chest,	12 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ box soap,	2 00
Crockeryware,	40 00
Woodenware,	15 00
Tinware,	12 00
10 hand and 3 hanging lamps,	6 00
3 lanterns,	2 50
1 clock,	4 00
12 cuspadores,	6 00
22 iron bedsteads,	132 00
9 feather beds,	60 00
21 under-beds,	32 50
80 sheets,	40 00

1 web of sheeting,	\$4 00
36 colored blankets,	26 00
26 white blankets,	26 00
64 pillow cases,	12 80
12 spreads,	10 00
33 comforters,	33 00
51 feather pillows,	30 00
41 towels,	6 00
4 table cloths,	4 50
4 dining tables,	16 00
7 small tables,	4 00
50 chairs,	25 00
1 churn,	4 00
6 brooms,	1 50
Coal shovels, &c.,	4 00
Total,	<hr/> \$2,605 05

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1886.

The following estimate of expenses for the ensuing year is presented for the consideration of the town:—

For schools (see report of school committee), .	\$8,500 00
Stetson high school (see report of trustees),	2,000 00
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,500 00
Poor in almshouse,	2,000 00
Poor outside,	3,600 00
Poor, Randolph and Holbrook,	800 00
Military aid,	800 00
Interest on town debt,	1,300 00
Town officers,	2,000 00
Reduction of town debt,	2,000 00

For Highways, general repairs,	\$2,000 00
Highways, special repairs,	500 00
Paving,	300 00
Removing snow,	200 00
Shingling almshouse	200 00
Fire department (see engineer's report),	1,900 00
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	\$29,600 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH.
1885-86.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The statutes of the commonwealth prescribe that "The school committee shall annually make a detailed report of the condition of the several public schools, which report shall contain such statements and suggestions in relation to the schools as the committee deem necessary or proper to promote the interests thereof."

The committee beg leave to state that as regards the general condition of the schools the year has been quite prosperous. No serious invasion of sickness or death has interfered with the general welfare. Some dozen cases of scarlatina were reported to the committee by the board of health, and in each case the children connected with the family were isolated until such time as danger had passed, in order to prevent the spread of the disease among the children in school.

The committee are obliged to take the census of the school children between the ages of five and fifteen years, annually, in the month of May; and we find that the school population is diminishing, there being sixteen less the last year than the one previous. The schools have been kept the usual thirty-eight weeks.

In 1884 the number of school children was six hundred and seventy-six. In 1885 the number was six hundred and sixty. There are in this town fifteen schools beside the high school, with a corresponding number of teachers. The staff of teachers remain unchanged, and we are happy to be

able to state that they have performed their arduous duties with entire satisfaction to the committee.

It is of the greatest concern that the public instructors should be men and women of the highest order of talent and generous attainments. They take the place of the parent, and mould their disciples into beings like themselves. There was a time when there were no schools. There was a time when there were no books, — before the art of printing was discovered, — and when all had to be taught orally. This duty devolved upon the parents. We have every reason to feel thankful to Him from whom all blessings flow, the author of all good, for the many blessings and privileges we enjoy. Owing to our benign and paternal government we are supplied with every means of learning. Books and supplies are furnished our children with a free and generous hand. No cause for complaint. Fine buildings, well furnished, good, competent teachers, and every necessary appendage to make school life happy and pleasant, and no effort spared to raise up good, moral, virtuous men and women, which will add strength and stability to our institutions.

The attendance of pupils at school has been very good during the past year. The annexed statement will show the attendance in each school, with the names of the teachers.

We take pleasure in mentioning that the selectmen have kindly clothed several children, to enable them to attend school in a comfortable and decent manner.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE, 1885-6.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	Whole No. belonging.	Average Whole No.	Average Attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Number over 15 years.	Number under 5 years.	Between 5 to 15 years.	Not absent for any term.
<i>Prescott Grammar.</i>	Thomas H. West.	55	54	50	92	2			1
	Isabella G. Driscoll.	52	50	47	94	2			2
	Kate E. Sheridan.	42	40	40	92				
	Mary A. Molloy.	34	32	31	97				2
<i>Prescott Primary.</i>	Mary E. Wren.	32	31	28	90			20	
	Kitttie R. Molloy.	38	36	35	97				
	Sarah J. McGaughey.	62	42	39	92	8			
<i>North Grammar.</i>	Joseph Belcher.	61	52	48	93			55	24
	Alice A. Smith.	48	46	41	90			48	13
<i>North Primary.</i>	Emma D. Stetson.	32	30	26	86			32	4
	Carrie L. Wilkins.	39	31	26	84			35	3
<i>No. 1. Ungraded.</i>	Minnie W. Corliss.	48	32	28	87				
" 3. "	Helen P. Henry.	50	45	35	78			50	
" 5. "	Sara C. Belcher.	33	26	23	90	1			
" 6. "	Mary L. Howard.	32	27	24	88			32	6
		668	574	521	90	4	9		

NAMES OF CHILDREN NOT ABSENT FROM SCHOOL DURING THE YEAR.

Arthur H. Holbrook.	Nellie G. Prescott.	Fannie Hogan.
Florence A. Mann.	Charles E. Clark.	Charles Brady.
Lizzie Pope.	Hannah Pope.	

If a town fails to comply with the laws relating to attendance of pupils of school age upon the schools, it forfeits the right to its share of the income of the school fund. It is conceded by all that in a free state there is no room for ignorance. Intelligence and virtue are the only foundations upon which free institutions can rest. Knowledge and goodness are necessary to personal success. We have not been troubled much of late by cases of truancy. And this town has made all needful provisions for such cases, as far back as 1879, by the adoption of the following by-laws.

TRUANT LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. The town of Randolph hereby avails itself of the several provisions of the statutes of this commonwealth now in force, relating to habitual truants and absentees from school, and in pursuance of authority conferred thereby adopts the following by-laws.

ART. 2. All children between the ages of seven and fifteen years residing in said town, and who may be found wandering about in the streets or public places of said town, having no lawful occupation or business, not attending school, and growing up in ignorance, shall be committed to the Plummer Farm School at Salem, for confinement, instruction and discipline.

ART. 3. Two or more truant officers shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to inquire into all the violations of the truant laws, and of the law relating to compulsory education, and to do all the acts required of them by the laws of the commonwealth.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of every truant officer, previously to making any complaint under these laws, to

notify the truant or absentee from school, also his parent or guardian, of the offence committed and of the penalty therefor, and if the truant officer can obtain satisfactory pledges for the restraint and reformation of the child, he may, at his discretion, forbear to prosecute so long as such pledges are faithfully kept.

ART. 5. It shall be the duty of the school committee, the teachers of the public schools, and the citizens generally, to aid the truant officers as far as possible in the discharge of their duties.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the truant officers to keep a full record of all their official acts, and make an annual report thereof to the school committee, who shall publish the same with their own report.

ART. 7. Nothing in these by-laws shall be so construed as to alter or impair the obligation of teachers to enforce punctuality and regularity of attendance, and to preserve good order and discipline.

The committee were obliged, after repeated warnings and much trouble by the officers, to enforce the truant laws against a lad thirteen years of age who would not attend school. He was sent by the court to the Farm School, located on Plummer Island, Salem, Mass., for a term of two years.

AN ACT REQUIRING PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE TO BE TAUGHT IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Physiology and hygiene, which, in both

divisions of the subject, shall include special instruction as to the effects of alcoholic drinks, stimulants and narcotics on the human system, shall be taught as a regular branch of study to all pupils in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies. All acts or parts of acts relating to the qualifications of teachers in the public schools shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in this act.

SEC. 2. All penalties now fixed for neglect to provide instruction in the branches of study now prescribed by law shall apply to the branch of study prescribed in section 1.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of August in the year 1885.

The object of this statute is to provide for and secure physiological temperance instruction in the public schools of this commonwealth.

The committee have complied with the requirements of the above act by introducing into all the schools in this town the study of physiology and hygiene.

They have introduced into the primary and intermediate schools a Primer of Physiology and Hygiene by William Thayer Smith, M.D., and into the grammar schools, Elements of Physiology by R. J. Dunglison, A.M. With great fairness and moderation, these works deal with the whole question of narcotics, teaching what alcohol is, and its origin. Refuting the popular fallacies about it, they show from its physiological effects why it should be avoided as a beverage, its effects upon life and character, as well as an understanding of the other laws of health.

The committee felt it to be their duty to have the water

in the great cistern in the cellar of the Prescott Grammar School pumped out. This cistern was put there for use in a sanitary point of view some twenty years ago, and proved to be a failure. It was considered injurious to the building as well as to the health of the children, by creating dampness. No more water enters; and the committee take this method of thanking the fire department for the services of Steamer No. 1 in doing such a much needed work.

The committee duly appreciate the kindness of the fathers of the town for building a sidewalk on School street, from Main street to the Prescott Primary, without any appropriation for the same, and also building a similar one from Main street to the North Grammar schoolhouse.

The outbuildings at the Prescott Primary School have been remodelled and thoroughly renovated, putting in new sills, and placing them on a vault built of stone. This work has been done in a most substantial and durable manner, and looks creditable and respectable. A fence has been erected on the north side of the school playground, of suitable height, and with stone posts, so that no more annoyance will be experienced by those living contiguous.

An old unused well, said to be condemned, and covered with large stones, and partly filled with *débris*, was found in the southwest corner of the schoolyard. Knowing that the town was paying ten dollars per year for water for the seven schools in this locality, the committee determined to have the well cleaned out, and after that was done there were four feet of water in it.

A Wales pump was put in, securely closed, with chain and dipper. The result is that we have a well of pure water at a cost of \$39, supplying our schools, as well as the

people who wish to use it, and saving the above outlay which has been paid for a number of years. The Prescott Primary schoolhouse needs painting, and the committee respectfully ask for an appropriation of \$125 for that purpose. The schoolhouses at West corner and North street also need painting, and the committee would ask an appropriation of one hundred dollars for these two buildings. It is poor policy to neglect public buildings, and these ought to have been painted long since. No. 1 schoolhouse on South Main street requires to be shingled, and new gutters and conductors placed on the building. The committee respectfully ask one hundred dollars for that purpose. This schoolhouse was painted inside and outside last year, and also plastered anew. The work was done in a very creditable manner. The roof leaks badly.

In conclusion, the committee would express their conviction that the public schools are in an excellent condition, both as regards present efficiency and promises for the future. Their financial affairs have been administered with economy, and no expenses incurred but what was necessary. We wish to bear testimony to the noble fidelity and zeal which all our teachers bring to their work. The objection has sometimes been made to our system of public education, that while stimulating and cultivating the intellect, it leaves the moral nature unimproved and undisciplined. Let such as entertain this thought bestow a day or two in visiting our schools and they will be assured that our teachers are loyal and obedient to the good doctrines embodied in that ancient statute of the commonwealth, which commands the instructors of youth to impress on the minds of children committed to their care the principles of piety, justice, and a

sacred regard to truth, love of country, humanity, and universal benevolence, sobriety, industry and frugality, chastity, moderation and temperance, and all those other virtues upon which society is founded. Let us hope that the care and direction of this responsible trust may be ever lifted and kept aloof from the arena of politics, and that every citizen may feel and know that public instruction is to be developed and guided not in the interest of any party, or class, or prejudice, but in a liberal and unsectarian spirit, to the end that all our children, whatever their place or destiny, may become men and women in the best and truest sense of the term.

The committee respectfully recommend that the following sums shall be raised and appropriated for the support of the public schools for the ensuing year :

For teaching	\$6,500 00
For fuel	350 00
For care of rooms	425 00
For permanent repairs	325 00
For general and incidental expenses	400 00
For books and other supplies	500 00
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	\$8,500 00

And the dog money.

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS — 1885-6.

FOR TEACHING.

Paid Thomas H. West, 1 year,	\$1,000 00
Joseph Belcher, 1 "	900 00
Isabelle G. Driscoll, 1 "	418 00

Paid Kittie E. Sheridan,	1 year,	.	.	.	\$399 00
Mary A. Molloy,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Mary E. Wren,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Alice A. Smith,	1 "	.	.	.	380 00
Ellen P. Henry,	1 "	.	.	.	362 90
Sarah C. Belcher,	1 "	.	.	.	362 90
Kittie R. Molloy,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Emma D. Stetson,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Mary L. Howard,	1 "	.	.	.	342 00
Minnie W. Corliss,	1 "	.	.	.	323 00
Sarah J. McGaughey,	1 "	.	.	.	304 00
Carrie L. Wilkins,	1 "	.	.	.	304 00
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					\$6,539 80

FOR FUEL.

Paid Thomas Riley, preparing wood,	.	.	.	\$5 00
Rose E. Stetson, " "	.	.	.	1 50
Morton Holbrook, " "	.	.	.	2 75
Herbert M. Wilbur, " "	.	.	.	1 00
" " " shavings,	.	.	.	40
Edwin Mann, wood,	.	.	.	12 50
Daniel Leahey, "	.	.	.	10 00
Galen Hollis, shavings,	.	.	.	50
R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	.	.	.	257 45
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				\$291 10

CARE OF ROOMS.

Paid Margaret Riley,	\$210 57
Galen Hollis,	50 00
Rose E. Stetson,	20 00
Herbert C. Wilbur,	.	.	.	.	25 00
Lawrence Hayes,	.	.	.	.	25 01

Paid John T. Wales,	\$7 00
Mrs. Rose Gill,	8 33
" Julia O'Connor,	5 33
" James Riley,	3 00
By drawing water for cleaning,	5 00
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	\$369 24

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Patrick Feeney, use of well, 1 year,	\$10 00
Deborah Jones, " " 2 "	6 00
Lawrence Hayes, " " 1 "	3 00
Thomas Dolan, taking census,	20 00
" " cash paid out,	3 70
H. A. Hartley, window shades,	4 00
H. M. White, supplies,	7 68
S. B. Woodman, cleaning well (Prescott),	8 00
M. F. Smith, labor with team, "	6 12
Wales Bros., pump and platform, "	30 00
Thomas Good, labor with team, bill of '83,	1 17
" " " " "	2 62
Patrick Bohan, labor,	2 80
Joseph Belcher, labor and materials,	1 50
" " supplies,	5 16
Galen Hollis, labor, \$2, key, 25 cents,	2 25
Holmes' Furniture Company, chair,	2 00
Howard & Clark, dry sinks,	30 00
Nathan Rosenfeld, mat,	95
Thomas Riley, removing snow,	3 37
David J. Foley, truant officer,	20 00
C. H. Wales, labor and material,	65 95
A. J. Gove, teams, expressing, &c.	24 95

Paid D. B. White & Co., supplies,	\$13 03
Daniel H. Huxford, printing,	20 25
Dennis McCarthy, 8 loads gravel,	1 00
J. E. Nash, repairs on clock,	1 00
Colin Boyd, care of committee's room,	6 00
Herbert Wilbur and Rose E. Stetson, brooms,	1 64
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	\$304 14

PERMANENT REPAIRS.

Paid E. W. Campagna, 4 bookcases,	\$17 00
Michael Morgan, labor (Prescott Primary),	5 25
John Moore, " " "	25 37
S. B. Woodman, building vault (Prescott Primary),	59 40
S. B. Corliss, stone and posts (Prescott Primary),	27 60
Nathaniel Tirrell, painting outbuildings (Prescott Primary),	14 50
Nathaniel Noyes, labor and materials, building fence and repairing outbuildings (Prescott Primary),	105 23
S. B. Woodman, labor and materials on outbuilding (Prescott Primary),	4 26
S. B. Woodman, ceiling and kalsomining No. 1 schoolhouse,	100 98
Nathaniel Tirrell, painting No. 1 schoolhouse,	85 00
M. M. Alden, repairs on fence (North Grammar School),	7 85
Nathaniel Noyes, repairs on school buildings,	59 72
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	\$512 16

SCHOOL SUPPLIES—BOOKS, &c.

Paid Cowperthwait & Co., merchandise, &c.,		\$61 06
George S. Perry,	"	14 03
Clafflin & Brown,	"	18 63
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	"	32 17
Carroll W. Clark,	"	20 80
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., merchandise, &c.,		37 77
Boston School Supply Co., merchandise, &c.		66 16
Geo. F. King & Merrill,	"	13 50
Harper Bros.,	"	84 15
Knight, Adams & Co.,	"	19 63
William Ware & Co.,	"	202 25
Porter & Coats,	"	16 67
J. L. Hammet & Co.,	"	22 42
Ward & Gay,	"	3 00
A. Storrs & Co.,	"	2 00
Dennison Tag Co.,	"	1 99
Harrison, Hume & Co.,	"	26 80
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		\$643 03

STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

BOOKS FURNISHED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Paid D. Appleton & Co., merchandise,		\$89 56
Ginn, Heath & Co.,	"	45 99
Iverson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., merchandise,		18 00
Clark and Maynard, merchandise,		36 29
Chas. H. Whiting,	"	19 80
Oliver Ditson & Co.,	"	24 94

Paid Carl Schoenhof, merchandise, . . .	\$11 00
F. M. Ambrose, " . . .	22 17
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	\$267 75

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Teaching,	\$6,539 80
Fuel,	291 10
Care of rooms,	359 24
Permanent repairs,	512 16
Miscellaneous and incidental,	304 14
Books, school supplies, &c.,	643 03
" for Stetson High School,	267 75
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	\$8,917 22

FUNDS APPLICABLE TO SCHOOLS.

Appropriation by the town,	\$7,500 00
" " " for books,	500 00
Received from state,	188 51
" Coddington fund,	100 00
" town treasurer, dog licenses,	474 53
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	\$8,763 04
Expense of schools,	\$8,917 22
Income from all sources,	8,763 04
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Excess over amount applicable to schools,	\$154 18

THOMAS DOLAN,
JOHN B. WREN,
T. T. CUSHMAN,

Randolph, March 11, 1886.

Committee.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT,
RANDOLPH, March 1, 1886.

To the Selectmen of Randolph :

Gentlemen, — The following report is herewith submitted showing the condition of the fire department, the expense of the same, also the number of fires that have occurred in the town for the year ending February 28, 1886 :

The roster of the department as organized May 1, 1885, was as follows :—

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

C. A. Wales (*chief*), John Haney (*assistant chief*), W. A. Croak (*clerk*).

COMPANIES.

Steamer No. 1, A. J. Gove, *Driver*; J. H. Wales, *Engineer*; F. J. Donohue, *Fireman*.

Hose Co., No. 1, 20 men, James Farrell, *Foreman*.

Hook and Ladder Co., No. 1, 25 men, S. A. Foster, *Foreman*.

Chemical No. 1, 15 men, Thomas Halloran, *Foreman*.

Steamer No. 2, Charles Allen, *Driver*; E. L. Payne, *Engineer*; G. F. Howard, *Fireman*.

Hose (horse) No. 2, 10 men, G. W. Shedd, *Foreman*, Cyrus N. Thayer, *Driver*.

The department has responded to calls as follows :—

March 10, 1885, 9 A.M. Alarm for fire on the roof of

the blacksmith shop on Main street owned by heirs of William Campbell and occupied by F. H. Langley, Henry Campbell and others. Cause of fire, spark from chimney. Damage, slight. Insured. Extinguished before the apparatus from house of No. 1 arrived.

April 21, 12.30 A.M. Alarm for fire in the barn owned and occupied by James Irvine, located on a private way leading west from Tower Hill. Wholly destroyed, together with five tons of hay, two horses, three cows, one wagon, four sets of harness, farming utensils, &c. Cause of fire unknown. Barn and contents insured. Chemical No. 1 responded.

April 21, 12.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in the woods in the vicinity of schoolhouse No. 1 South Main street. Hose No. 1 and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 responded and assisted to extinguish the same. On the 18th of April, on a still alarm, members of the department assisted to put out a fire in the woods near A. A. Belcher's, Union street.

April 25, 11.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in dwelling on South street owned by Charles Briggs and unoccupied. Wholly destroyed. Cause, incendiary. Insured. Steamer 1, hose 1, hook and ladder 1 and chemical 1 responded.

August 22, 9.30 P.M. Alarm for fire in barn and house on South Main street, owned by Emeline Broad, and occupied by William Broad, Thomas Burbank and others. Totally consumed with a portion of contents. Cause, incendiary. Insured. Steamer 1, hose 1, hook and ladder 1 and chemical 1 responded.

February 26, 1886, 2.45 A.M. Alarm for fire in the boot and shoe factory on Howard street owned and occupied by William P. O'Brien. The factory and contents wholly de-

stroyed, and the dwelling of William P. O'Brien badly, and dwelling of Simon O'Brien slightly, damaged. Cause of fire unknown. Buildings and contents of both parties insured. Steamer 1, hose 1, hook and ladder 1 and chemical 1 responded.

REPAIRS OF HOUSES.

The repairs on the various houses the past year has been as follows: The house of steamer 1 has been shingled and some minor repairs made beside. We made a partial contract to paint the same, but the weather having been unfavorable for some weeks the work has not been done. This house seems to be unfavorably situated as regards the first floor. When this house was remodelled for the use of the steamer some six or seven years ago, the floor was dropped below the sills of the building, thereby bringing the floor very near the ground; as a consequence the timbers on which the floor rests last but a short time, a portion of which was decayed so as to require new timbers some three years ago, and, judging from the present condition of the same, will have to be wholly relaid very soon. It seems to us that when this is done some other material beside wood should be used.

At the house of steamer 2 we have filled the cistern under the building in order to save the timbers of the first floor from decay as much as possible.

At the house of chemical No. 1 some slight repairs have been made.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus is in good condition, including two steamers, two hose carriages, one chemical engine, one hook and ladder truck, 2800 feet canvas hose, harnesses, extra ladders in houses of steamer 2 and chemical 1, &c., &c.

RESERVOIRS.

The reservoirs are in good condition and full of water.

EXPENSES.

Paid 68 men, services 1 year to May 1, 1885,	\$10,	\$680 00
68 men, 994½ hours at 25 cents,		248 63
sundry persons, fires in the woods,		10 00
J. H. Wales, engineer steamer 1, to May 1, 1885,		40 00
W. B. Brown, fireman steamer 1, to May 1, 1885,		30 00
E. L. Payne, engineer steamer 2, to May 1, 1885,		40 00
G. F. Howard, fireman steamer 2, to May 1, 1885,		30 00
J. B. McGrane, steward and care of fires, to May 1, 1885,		50 50
James Farrell, care of hall, hose 1, 1 year, to May 1, 1885,		6 00
W. B. Brown, steward, care of fires, from February 28 to May 1, 1885,		22 97
E. L. Payne, care of steamer 2, from February 27, 1885, to February 27, 1886,		30 00
G. F. Howard, steward and care of fires, 1 year, to February 27, 1886,		48 00
N. E. Knight, steward hook and ladder, 1 year, February 27, 1886,		10 00
F. J. Donahue, steward and care of fires, February 27, 1886,		59 50
A. J. Gove, drawing steamer 1, 1 year to March 1, 1886,		300 00

Paid J. Clark, drawing steamer 2,	\$16 00
J. Carroll, drawing chemical engine, Irvine fire,	2 00
Colin Boyd, care of room, engineers' meet- ings, 1 year,	6 00
James Reiley, rent of land steamer 2,	15 00
Hiram Snow, services at Broad fire,	4 50
D. H. Huxford, printing notices,	3 00
A. S. Jackson, for supplies,	22 61
James Reiley, labor and material filling cis- tern house No. 2,	7 06
F. H. Langley, step on steamer 1,	2 50
M. M. Alden, labor and material on house steamer 1,	73 00
R. W. Turner & Co., coal for engine houses,	64 00
A. J. Gove, drawing extinguisher, Hook and Ladder, expressing, &c.,	23 10
D. B. White & Co., supplies,	5 44
C. Prescott, supplies,	4 48
G. W. Pollock, supplies,	7 75
C. A. Wales, labor, supplies, cash paid, &c.,	18 78
E. M. Mann, wood,	2 75
G. Dunbar & Co., hand grenades,	20 00
Mary Sullivan, rent of land, chemical 1,	10 00
H. H. Guinan, supplies,	12 00
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Total expense,	\$1,925 57
Balance,	54 43
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Appropriation,	\$1,980 00

Received from rent of engine houses from March 1, 1884, to March 1, 1885, \$40.50. Expended the same as follows:

Hand grenades,	\$25 00
Whitewashing and painting hall of steamer 1, .	14 00
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	\$39 00
Balance,	1 50
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	\$40 50

The matter of expenses for the coming year will, of course, be governed by circumstances; also upon the amount of appropriation for fire department uses.

We would, therefore, respectfully recommend the following: Pay of men \$12 for the year, and 25 cents per hour for labor at fires, &c., and that the pay of engineers of steamers be \$40, and that of firemen of steamers be \$30 per year. For general expenses the sum of \$1000.

C. A. WALES,
W. A. CROAK,
JOHN HANEY,
Engineers.

DR.

TOWN OF RANDOLPH IN ACCOUNT

Paid 919 Town orders,	\$36,520 22
Treasury Notes,	19,000 00
Interest on Treasury Notes,	1,184 01
State Treasurer: State Tax,	\$2,175 00
National Bank Tax,	2,617 04
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	4,792 04
Expense:	
Doctor A. Chase, returning births,	\$3 50
Doctor T. T. Cushman, returning births,	75
Doctor F. C. Granger, returning births,	7 00
Doctor E. A. Allen, returning births,	6 75
Doctor C. C. Farnham, returning births,	1 00
R. Houghton, returning deaths,	16 25
Town Clerk, returning births, marriages and deaths,	57 50
Postage, .24; Postal Cards and Stationery, \$3 76; Stamps, \$6,	10
Books, \$5 50; D. H. Huxford, printing, \$1 50,	7
Expense to Stoughton election,	5
Abatement of Taxes, 1884,	41 85
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	256 60

Balance,	8,508 63
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	\$70,261 50

WITH HIRAM C. ALDEN, TREASURER.

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1886. March.

Balance, March, 1885,	\$7,818 08
Received for Treasury Notes,	18,000 00
“ Tax Bill, 1885,	31,360 31
“ Bank Dividends,	80 00
“ of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, interest on taxes, 1884,	129 19
“ of F. M. Deane, Tax Collector, interest on taxes, 1884,	100 95
“ of C. C. Churchill, County Treasurer, for Dog Licenses,	474 53
“ of E. M. Roel, Tax Collector, additional Taxes, 1884,	24 00
“ of F. W. Deane, Tax Collector, additional Taxes, 1884,	10 40
“ of H. L. Peirce, rent of Ponkapog Pond,	10 00
“ for Extra Repairs on Highways,	334 55
“ of State Treasurer, Corporation Tax,	\$2,925 28
“ of State Treasurer, National Bank Tax,	2,990 83
“ of State Treasurer, State Aid,	1,497 00
“ of State Treasurer, Aid to Indigent Soldiers and Sailors,	694 00
“ of State School Fund,	188 51
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“ of J. E. Foley, License for Bowling Alley,	8,295 62
“ of W. B. Spear, License Auctioneer,	2 00
“ of I. Niles, License Auctioneer,	2 00
“ of F. E. Fay & Co., License Liquor,	1 00
“ of F. Porter, License Liquor,	1 00
“ of City of Taunton, Pauper,	52 00
“ of Town of Methuen, Pauper,	92 25
“ of Town of Abington, Pauper,	264 00
“ of Town of Braintree, Pauper,	187 62
“ of Town Farm, Labor, \$441 06; Board, \$201 50,	642 56
“ of Town of Duxbury, Pauper,	51 20
“ of Town of Holbrook, Water, Bounty, Pauper, &c.,	1,968 00
“ of Town of Easton, Pauper,	209 13
“ for sale of Salt Grass,	20 00
“ Cash refunded on account of Paupers' Account,	132 00
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	\$70,261 50

STATEMENT OF THE TOWN DEBT.

1886. March.	DR.	
Notes to Patrick McMahon Estate, due April 25, 1886, . .	\$4,000 00	
Notes to Lemuel Wentworth Estate, due April 25, 1886, . .	1,700 00	
Notes to Ebenezer Moulton Estate, due April 27, 1887, . .	800 00	
Notes to Lucy A. Wilbur Estate, due April 25, 1887, . .	500 00	
Notes to Turner Free Library on Demand,	5,000 00	
Notes to Randolph Savings Bank,	11,000 00	
Interest due on Town Notes,	350 00	
Unpaid bills and unpaid orders estimated,	100 00	
		<u>\$23,450 00</u>

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Coddington Fund:		
8 Shares Randolph National Bank,	\$1,600 00	
Salt Marsh,	500 00	
		<u>\$2,100 00</u>
F. N. Deane, Tax Collector, Taxes, 1885,	5,303 84	
Due for State Aid,	1,848 00	
Due for Military Aid,	856 96	
Due from Treasurer, Balance,	3,204 79	
Due from other towns,	896 23	
Due from School Books,	500 00	
Balance,	8,740 18	
		<u>\$23,450 00</u>

Net Town Debt, 1885,	\$10,705 34
Net Town Debt, 1886,	8,740 18
	<u>\$1,965 16</u>
Town debt reduced,	

RANDOLPH, March 17, 1886.

The undersigned, auditors of the town of Randolph, respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the town treasurer, and find the same correctly kept, with proper vouchers and entries made for all payments and receipts.

C. G. HATHAWAY,
ELISHA MANN, JR.,
C. F. McMAHON,

Auditors.

STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

To the Selectmen and Inhabitants of the Town of Randolph :

The trustees of the Stetson school fund present this their annual report with the hope that it may meet the approbation of all interested in the school.

As formerly reported, the funds are invested as follows :

10 shares Hide and Leather National Bank,	\$1,000 00
10 shares Eliot National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Webster National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Shoe and Leather National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Exchange National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Boylston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
10 shares Tremont National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
20 shares Old Boston National Bank, Boston (par),	1,000 00
13 shares Shawmut National Bank, Boston (par),	1,300 00
13 shares Randolph National Bank, Randolph (par),	1,300 00

TURNER FUND.

City of Minneapolis, Minn., bond,	\$1,000 00
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THE STETSON HIGH SCHOOL.

In commendation of the school and its work of education, the trustees can but repeat their former assertions. The

school is in all respects equal to the similar institutions in surrounding towns. We retain our teachers of last year — Mr. E. N. Lovering as principal, and Miss Ada B. Chandler as assistant. They, we feel, are doing their work faithfully, and procuring for us good results. In this school an opportunity for education is presented to the youth of our town, which they are improving, we hope, to the extent of their ability.

The yearly public examination occurred in the general school-room on Thursday the 18th of March. As on like previous occasions, general satisfaction was expressed with the work of both teachers and pupils.

The graduation exercises occurred on the 19th of March, Friday, in the Stetson Hall. The occasion was one pleasing to listeners and participators. The members of the graduating class are to be congratulated on so successful a completion of their four years' work. At the close of the exercises, a diploma was presented to each member of the class. In addition, two medals from the Turner Fund were represented to the valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

The following are names of the members of the graduating class : —

Urma Carlton Alden.

Rose Mary Brady.

Alice Tolman.

William Hodsdon Leavitt.

Mortimer Sullivan.

Near the close of the school year occurred the annual examination of applicants for admission to the school the ensu-

ing year. Forty-one of these meeting the requirements were admitted as members of the school.

The fact that so large a majority of the applicants have passed satisfactorily the examination bespeaks a thoroughness and excellence of work in the grammar and sub-grammar grades which is seldom surpassed.

There seems now to be a call for some regulation in the high school to meet the wants of the large number of children who gain admission to but remain in the school only a year or two. In this case they do not, of course, avail themselves of the full privileges of the school, nor receive the school diploma.

A change is desirable which shall enable this large class of the youth of our town to derive from the school the benefit which their parents expect them to receive. A matter of fact is that from one third to one half of the scholars who enter the school leave at or before the end of the first year; and during this time they have pursued the study of Latin. It is assuredly a waste of effort to pursue this study for so short time, nevertheless it is necessary for those who intend to complete the full course to commence Latin at the beginning of the first year.

To adjust satisfactorily this matter, and to meet the wants of those who do not intend to complete the full course, the trustees propose to establish an exclusively English course, which shall cover a period of two years, with a provision that a diploma be given to those who shall complete this prescribed course.

This will involve additional work, as new classes will have to be formed, and a second assistant teacher will be required.

The trustees must, therefore, ask for an appropriation of \$2000 with which to carry on the school for the next year.

DANIEL HOWARD,
WINSLOW BATTLES,
THADDEUS T. CUSHMAN,
Trustees of Stetson School Fund.

Dr. THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN ACCOUNT

1885.				
	To balance of old account,			\$5 71
April 1.	To dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00		
	Webster " "	20 00		
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00		
	Shoe & Leather " "	25 00		
	Exchange " "	25 00		
	Boylston " "	30 00		
	Tremont " "	25 00		
	Old Boston " "	25 00		
	Shawmut " "	39 00		
	Randolph " "	65 00		
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				309 00
June 1.	Town appropriation (in part)			750 00
Sept. 28.	Town appropriation (balance of)			750 00
Oct. 1.	Dividends Eliot National Bank,	\$30 00		
	Webster " "	15 00		
	Hide & Leather National Bank,	25 00		
	Shoe & Leather " "	20 00		
	Exchange " "	20 00		
	Boylston " "	30 00		
	Tremont " "	20 00		
	Old Boston " "	20 00		
	Shawmut " "	26 00		
	Randolph " "	65 00		
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				271 00
1886.				
Feb. 13.	Tax on Bank Stock (in part) refunded by State,		32 43	
	Amount received from rental of Hall,		221 00	
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				\$2,339 14

WITH THE STETSON SCHOOL FUND.

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1885.

April	4.	By paying Phebe W. Bunker, use of piano,	\$30 00
	30.	Seth Mann, 2d, insurance,	26 25
May	13.	Colin Boyd,	24 11
	13.	D. B. White & Co.,	6 52
	27.	E. N. Lovering, supplies,	30 88
June	22.	G. W. Pollock, repairs,	5 00
	30.	Miss A. B. Chandler, salary,	173 68
	30.	Colin Boyd,	18 66
Aug.	27.	E. N. Lovering, salary to July 1,	375 00
	31.	cyclostyle,	12 00
Oct.	24.	F. F. Smith, charcoal,	6 30
	29.	R. W. Turner & Co., coal,	32 40
Nov.	9.	E. N. Lovering, salary to October 1,	375 00
	12.	J. White Belcher, insurance,	10 00
	20.	Colin Boyd,	26 26
Dec.	11.	J. White Belcher, insurance,	1 60
	17.	Miss A. B. Chandler, salary,	202 63

1886.

Jan.	1.	First Parish, chandelier,	10 00
	7.	E. N. Lovering, salary to January 1,	375 00
	7.	supplies,	16 15
	13.	J. E. Nash, clock,	10 00
	21.	D. H. Huxford,	26 76
Feb.	1.	G. W. Pollock, repairs,	2 00
	23.	Charles A. Wales,	20 53
Mar.	2.	N. Noyes,	4 42
	13.	Miss A. B. Chandler, balance of salary,	173 69
	13.	E. N. Lovering, on account of salary,	320 00
	13.	Trustees and secretary, one year,	20 00
		Balance,	4 30

\$2,339 14

C. G. HATHAWAY,

Secretary.

The undersigned, selectmen of the town of Randolph, have made an examination of the accounts of the trustees of Stetson School Fund, as represented, and find them correct. The investments remain in the bank stock reported by the trustees, same as last year, the par value of which is \$10,600, the certificates remaining in the hands of the secretary, C. G. Hathaway.

We also find in the hands of the secretary a \$1000 bond, the investment for the Turner Fund. the same as reported by the trustees.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER.
RUFUS A. THAYER,

Randolph, March 22, 1886.

Selectmen of Randolph.

TURNER FREE LIBRARY.

TRUSTEES 1885-6.

J. WHITE BELCHER, *President.*

REV. J. C. FOSTER, D.D., *Vice-President.*

ROYAL W. TURNER, *Treasurer.*

GILBERT A. TOLMAN, *Secretary.*

ROYAL T. MANN, JOHN B. THAYER, RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph, ex officio.

REV. JOHN C. LABAREE, DANIEL HOWARD, JOHN
V. BEAL, NATHANIEL HOWARD, J. WINSOR PRATT, JOHN
B. THAYER, EDWIN N. LOVERING, WILLIAM H. BALKAM, JR.

Librarian:

CHARLES C. FARNHAM.

Assistant:

MISS MARGARET W. BOYD.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In compliance with article 3 of the by-laws of the Turner Free Library, the tenth annual report is herewith submitted, showing the condition of the trust, the building, library and funds, with extracts from the reports of different committees, and the librarian, presented to the trustees, for the year ending December 31, 1885.

TRUST.

The trust, which consists of the library building, library, funds invested, and the income arising therefrom, remains the same as last year.

BUILDING.

The committee on building (consisting of Royal W. Turner, Rev. J. C. Foster and John B. Thayer) report the total amount expended for the year ending December 31, 1885, has been \$518.10; gasoline, \$140.16; fuel, \$166.00; expressing, \$18.13; janitor, \$125.00; insurance, \$43.75; other sundry supplies, \$18.13. The parties who have been supplied with light and heat have paid their proportionate part of the same, as assessed by the committee. The building and contents are in good condition; and no large expense for the present year is anticipated, except for heating purposes.

FUNDS.

The statement of the committee on finance, herewith submitted, shows the condition of the investments; and the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1885, are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the treasurer.

For the current year the income is estimated as follows:—

From rents,	\$600 00
Interest on town note,	300 00
From Turner Fund,	580 00
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	\$1,480 00

LIBRARY.

The annual examination of the library has been made by the library committee (consisting of Rev. J. C. Labaree,

Rev. J. C. Foster, J. White Belcher, William H. Balkam, Jr., and Edwin N. Lovering), and the books were found in the same excellent condition as in former years.

In behalf of the trustees, I take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the faithful and efficient services of the librarian and his assistant in the discharge of their respective duties. The librarian in his report to the trustees for the year ending December 31, 1885, states "that the twenty-second day of March, 1886, will complete the first decade of our public library history, and during that time the number of readers has increased from one thousand to nearly three thousand; that the demand at first for sensational reading has largely yielded to a desire for something better and purer. The question which naturally presents itself for consideration in relation to the patrons of a library, more especially the young people, is, what do they read? How do they read? and if unwisely, what can be done to remedy the defects? Of the cards in active use, about two thousand are in the hands of the owners, or one to every two of our entire population. Of this two thousand, fully fifty per cent read only to be amused; leaving about one fourth of the people using the library with a purpose to derive intellectual benefit. Of these one thousand people we have only to say that their efforts are most commendable: but how shall we improve the other thousand? To do this will require years of patient endeavor. A few of those who have reached manhood and womanhood may be induced to change for the better, but the chief hope of general extended reform lies through the public schools and kindred agencies. Ours is not a discouraging field, for if we compare ourselves with other towns and peoples, I think we shall make a very fair

showing. But that we who breathe Boston air may not be unduly elated or inflated, perhaps it would be well to examine this question. It has been said that Boston is the literary centre of our broad land; perhaps it is true. Boston is at least a city of readers; and what is true of the city is true of its environs, for these suburban cities and towns are little else than the lodging-places of the busy workers of Boston. Each town or village has its public library, and the literary character of three fourths of a million people living within twenty miles of the State House is in a general way much the same. Now what do all these people read? It has been carefully estimated that nearly three fourths read little or nothing but the newspapers. The urban resident too often confines his reading to a half hour in the morning, and the same in the evening. The suburban passes the hour of to and fro car travel in friendly greeting, or reading only the morning or evening paper. And when we remember that the best of these papers print ten columns of politics and sensational items to a quarter column of literature, we are reminded of Falstaff's 'infinite deal of sack and pennyworth of bread' and wonder no longer why the literary being of so many business men is lank and lean. We hope the time is not far distant when the great majority of our people will be vastly better informed than at present. Our various educational agencies are arousing to the necessity of better methods and more comprehensive work. Schools, colleges, libraries, literary circles, are all aiming to help students acquire knowledge that shall be world-wide and exhaustive. Thus schools and colleges in connection with the use of text-books require collateral readings; and most public libraries are invited to provide these most important

aids to the student. In this way the library becomes the best and most important auxiliary to the school. The various literary organizations, from the local debating society to the great Chautauqua system with its sixty thousand readers, should each receive aid and encouragement from the public library. In fact we should be very prompt to recognize and encourage every worthy influence for the dissemination of knowledge."

The following statistics are taken from the report of the librarian for the year 1885 : —

Number of days the library was open to the public,	283
Volumes issued during the year,	19,759
Largest daily issue,	291
Average daily issue,	71
Smallest daily issue,	4
Number of volumes added during the year, .	419
Number of volumes in library January 1, 1886,	9,067

ACCOUNT OF ROYAL W. TURNER, TREASURER.

Jan. 1, 1885.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand,	\$688 79
Received rent from Randolph National Bank,	200 00
Received rent from Randolph Savings Bank,	100 00
Received rent from D. B. White & Co.,	300 00
Received rent from Ladies' Library Association,	15 00
Received from town of Randolph (dog tax, 1884),	431 69
Received from town, interest on note,	300 00
Received from income of Turner Fund,	510 00
Received for catalogues and papers sold,	3 50
Received for fines,	31 02
Received from banks for their proportion of heat,	69 50
Received from banks and others for their proportion of light,	113 80
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	\$2,763 30

Jan. 1, 1885.

EXPENDITURES.

Amount paid for books, papers, magazines and binding,	\$766 44
Amount paid librarian for salary one year,	500 00
Amount paid janitor for salary one year,	125 00
Amount paid for gasoline,	140 16
Amount paid for fuel,	166 00
Amount paid for insurance,	43 75
Amount paid for printing and postage,	42 75
Amount paid for expressing,	18 13
Amount paid for sundry repairs,	9 95
Amount paid for sundry supplies,	15 11
Amount paid for supplementary catalogues,	403 32
Balance on hand,	532 69
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	\$2,763 30

The committee on finance (consisting of John V. Beal, Nathaniel Howard, J. Winsor Pratt and Royal T. Mann) "report that they have examined the accounts of the treasurer, and find that the bills and orders for expenditures which

have been presented for payment have been paid by the treasurer, upon the approval of the proper committee of the library, and proper vouchers therefor, by him retained and placed on file, and that his accounts are in all respects true and accurate; that a cash balance of $\$532\frac{13}{100}$ is now in the treasury. We further find that all the appropriations made by the town or otherwise, the rents, the interest, and all the revenues from whatsoever source, have been duly collected and properly secured, and have at all times during the year exceeded the expenditures of the library. The remaining funds of the library, exclusive of the balance before mentioned, consists of \$5000 invested in a promissory note of the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, and the further sum of \$10,000, known as the 'Turner Fund,' invested as follows:—

"Two bonds of Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Union Pacific Railroad, collateral trust, \$1000 each.

"Three bonds of Kansas Pacific Railroad, \$1000 each.

"Two bonds of Burlington & Missouri River Railroad, \$1000 each.

"No appropriation of money from the town will be required to aid in meeting the current expenses of the ensuing year.'

Respectfully submitted,

J. WHITE BELCHER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

Randolph, March 10, 1886.

BIRTHS

REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAME OF PARENTS.
1885.		
Jan. 16,	James Kennedy, . . .	Thomas A. and Mary J. Gibbons.
24,	Ada F. Sloan, . . .	Peter and Lydia C. Goldthwait.
24,	Ann L. Beyett, . . .	Israel and Diantha J. Cook.
25,	Alice J. Forrest, . . .	Richard and Mary E. Kane.
Feb. 1,	Francis J. O'Connor (dead),	Michael P. and Mary Crimmins.
2,	Winifred E. Gallagher, . .	Peter and Catharine F. Igo.
3,	Florence G. Holbrook, . .	George W. and Emily Copeland.
14,	Lena F. Winnett, . . .	Frederick G. and Ida S. Randlett.
16,	Frank A. Alden, . . .	Charles A. and Emma M. Alden.
17,	Joseph H. Mullins, . . .	Timothy H. and Katie Foley.
25,	Alice G. Scannell, . . .	Dennis N. and Mary A. Fahey.
March 1,	Patrick Donnovan, . . .	Joseph and Margaret McMahon.
2,	Everett H. Munroe, . . .	Frank and Lydia J. Taylor.
6,	Weldon J. Mann, . . .	Alton H. and Josie Williams.
6,	Ella A. Faunce, . . .	Hiram S. and Hannah E. Clark.
11,	Mary J. Perry, . . .	Edward A. and Martha E. Turner.
18,	Alice L. Reynolds, . . .	Herbert F. and Alice F. Buck.
19,	Alice M. Payne, . . .	Frank C. and Alice C. Clark.
21,	Mary J. Smith, . . .	Martin F. and Mary E. Callahan.
29,	— Jones, twin (dead), . .	Elbridge and Mary A. Mann.
29,	— Jones, twin (dead), . .	Elbridge and Mary A. Mann.
30,	Franklin J. Bacigalupo, . .	Gastemo and Jennie Church.
31,	Bessie A. Lawlor (dead), . .	Joseph and Nellie Downey.
April 12,	Arthur G. Foster, . . .	Gustina and Elizabeth McAndrew.
19,	Fred Garland, . . .	Charles and Harriet M. Sutherland.
22,	Lucy May Hayes (dead), . .	John J. and Katie E. Manning.
26,	Mary Dolan, . . .	Charles S. and Catharine B. Walsh.
30,	Fanny L. Hurley, . . .	William W. and Kate J. Hogan.
May 19,	Carrie G. Eddy, . . .	George H. and Carrie L. Holbrook.
29,	Nellie M. Devine, . . .	Michael and Margaret A. White.
31,	Blanche L. Hollis, . . .	George and Caroline E. Stetson.
June 3,	Charles Francis Orcutt, . .	Orrin W. and Mary Louise Stickney.
4,	James Sullivan, . . .	Michael and Mary Sullivan.
23,	Julia L. Schraut, . . .	Simon and Anne M. Byier.
23,	Katie Moore, . . .	Bernard and Hannah Dooley.
23,	— Sloan, illegitimate, . .	— Mary Sloan.
July 1,	Sarah B. Thayer, . . .	John A. and Sarah M. Wrightington.
2,	Thomas Fardy, . . .	James and Elizabeth Good.
4,	Bryant, Nichols, . . .	George B. and Laura F. Bryant.
16,	Catharine J. Shields (dead),	William and Jane A. Peirce.
21,	Anna McGaughey, . . .	Moses J. and Maggie M. Gill.
21,	— Bearce (dead), . . .	J. Frank and Katie Brightman.
25,	Anna O'Brien, . . .	James H. and May J. Dooley.
28,	William Kelliher, . . .	Dennis and Rose H. Riley.
29,	Michael Linnehan, . . .	Nicholas and Mary Carey.
29,	Maud Alice Smith, . . .	Charles and Alice Lyons.
August 9,	Jerome C. Hogan, . . .	William J. and Helen C. Allard.
12,	Lavinia Minerva Mann, . .	Charles H. and Hannah Phillips.
19,	Oma L. Daniels, . . .	Aaron O. and Clara L. Darling.
22,	Walter H. Jones, . . .	Charles V. and Emma H. Mann.
31,	George Dumphy, . . .	Michael P. and Elizabeth A. Donohue.
31,	Anna Rooney, . . .	John P. and Margaret A. Riley.
Sept. 2,	William F. Kelly, . . .	William F. and Rosanna McGuire.
5,	Cora E. Taber, . . .	William A. and Anna E. Sullivan.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	NAMES OF PARENTS.
Sept. 11,	Mary Gertrude White, . . .	Edward and Mary Meaney.
13,	Jennie L. Wright, . . .	Frederick T. and Jennie Haslar.
13,	James B. Riley, . . .	James T. and Mary McMahon.
14,	Thomas Foley, . . .	David J. and Katie F. Dolan.
15,	Bertha E. Devine, . . .	Thomas and Mary Dore.
15,	John C. Conley, . . .	John A. and Catharine M. Welch.
25,	Alice Kiley, . . .	Patrick M. and Letitia Ray.
26,	Benjamin J. Mann, . . .	Moses F. and Julia A. Delano.
23,	Thomas J. Brady, . . .	Thomas and Elizabeth McKenzie.
Oct. 15,	Mary J. Sullivan, . . .	Patrick J. and Mary E. Brennan.
17,	Alice Gagin, . . .	Michael and Mary Ann Toolin.
18,	Mary McAuliffe, . . .	Richard and Margaret A. McSweeney.
18,	Moses H. McGaughey, . . .	William F. and Mary E. Powderly.
19,	Arthur M. White, . . .	Herbert L. and Frances A. Mansfield.
25,	Hubert Guinan, . . .	Hubert H. and Nellie F. Curran.
27,	Leona B. Poole, . . .	John H. and Sarah A. Wentworth.
28,	Mabel Lucy Clark, . . .	B. Loxley and Lucy A. Myers.
28,	Amy Madeline McCartney, . . .	Henry and Charlotte E. Roxburg.
29,	— Halpin (dead), . . .	James and Honora McNery.
Nov. 1,	Lillian C. Moulton, . . .	Ebenezer, Jr., and Sally P. Cline.
3,	Eva May Clark, . . .	Walter S. and Anna A. Alden.
5,	Mary O'Flaherty, . . .	Edward and Katie M. Roddan.
17,	Ethel M. Jones, . . .	Albert E. and Edith A. Leach.
23,	Robert D. Ross, . . .	Robert W. and Anna Rooney.
27,	Annie L. Stetson, . . .	Richmond and Cora L. Howard.
30,	Albert L. Brown, . . .	Frank and Eliza Orcutt.
Dec. 6,	Royal Abbott, . . .	William A. and Alice M. Hayward.
18,	Willie H. Dyer, . . .	Arthur M. and Alice W. Polloy.
25,	Bessie M. Glover, . . .	John H. and Lillie M. Stetson.
25,	Mary C. Gaynor, . . .	James F. and Mary P. Morgan.
1884.		
15,	Ethel H. Grover, . . .	Edward E. and Henrietta F. Mott.
May 26,	Walter F. Kelly, . . .	Robert and Harriet Uniack.
1883.		
June 17,	John F. Crocker, . . .	Michael B. and Mary J. Connors.
Sept. 5,	George E. English, . . .	Thomas F. and Fanny E. Hogan.

MARRIAGES

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
1885.			
Jan. 10,	Frederick Hart Alden, . . .	Randolph,	45
	Lizzie N. Restarick, . . .	Boston,	20
22,	William Shields, Jr., . . .	Randolph,	28
	Jennie A. Peirce,	"	17
Feb. 5,	Frederick W. Warburton, . . .	Pawtucket, R.I.,	28
	Henrietta Babbitt,	Randolph,	20
12,	John P. Linfield,	Randolph,	74
	Abby M. Deane (Leonard), . .	"	58
24,	Herbert Jones,	North Stoughton,	20
	Nellie F. Belcher,	Weymouth,	18
March 4,	John C. Labaree,	Randolph,	49
	Abby D. Cobb,	Tarrytown, N.Y.,	39
30,	William H. Felker,	East Stoughton,	55
	Emily A. Danforth (Chapin), .	Randolph,	42
May 2,	Crohan Malley,	Randolph,	37
	Mary Donohue,	Boston,	30
20,	Henry T. Burrell,	Weymouth,	26
	Helen M. Field,	Randolph,	22
22,	Charles Lawless,	Stoughton,	36
	Sarah J. Carroll,	Randolph,	27
27,	Charles H. Belcher,	Randolph,	44
	Emma H. King,	"	33
27,	George E. Souper,	Newark, N.J.,	39
	Lura A. Gregg (King),	"	35
June 8,	James A. Neary,	Randolph,	32
	Hannah J. Manix,	"	25
13,	William J. Hogan,	Randolph,	22
	Helen C. Allard,	"	17
25,	Charles F. Sullivan,	Randolph,	31
	Mary E. Abbott (Tirrell), . .	"	33
July 15,	Thomas F. Kiley,	Randolph,	26
	Joanna Creaton,	Fall River,	26
23,	Frederick H. Mann,	Randolph,	28
	Addie Tuttle,	South Abington,	26
Aug. 26,	Richmond Stetson,	Randolph,	23
	Cora Louisa Howard,	"	18
Sept. 13,	John F. Hickey,	Holbrook,	24
	Margaret O'Keefe,	Randolph,	23
15,	William Henry McDevitt, . . .	Brockton,	24
	Catharine Augusta Clark, . .	Stoughton,	17

DATE.	NAME.	RESIDENCE.	AGE.
Sept. 20,	Hanford J. Cornwall, . . .	Brockton,	29
	Mary Alice Peters, . . .	"	18
Oct. 14,	John O'Neil,	Holbrook,	24
	Mary B. DeNeil,	Randolph,	24
27,	Walter Scott Clark, . . .	Randolph,	33
	Anna A. Alden,	"	39
14,	George H. B. Whitney, . .	Kingston,	29
	Addie Florence Morton, .	Randolph,	18
Nov. 4,	James Francis Sullivan, .	Randolph,	21
	Mary Elizabeth Foley, . .	"	20
9,	Fred Russell,	Randolph,	23
	Maggie Brady,	"	23
Dec. 20,	E. F. Doble,	Weymouth,	21
	Alice F. Vining,	"	19
27,	John A. Sullivan,	Stoughton,	30
	Annie M. Grelish,	"	19

DEATHS

REGISTERED IN RANDOLPH.

DATE.	NAMES.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
1884.					
Jan. 5,	Willie Ashton Poole,	1	3	23	Diphtheria.
6,	Anna E. W. Howard (Bird), . .	44	6	5	Typhoid Pneumonia.
10,	Catharine Quinn (Muldoon), . .	72	6		Schirrus.
12,	John Rooney,	62			Morbus Cordis.
27,	Margaret Mahoney (Murray), . .	57			Phthisis.
Feb. 3,	Caroline Wentworth (Cobbett), .	87	8	1	Fracture of Hip.
4,	Lucy A. Whitcomb (Nash), . . .	70		7	Inanition.
5,	Marcella Waters (Farrell), . . .	73			Heart Disease.
6,	Hannah Mahoney (Quirk), . . .	52			Apoplexy.
7,	Oliver H. Leach,	65	8	11	Paralysis.
7,	Bridget Harty (Fitzgerald), . .	86			Heart Disease.
12,	Francis J. O'Connor,			12	Intestinal Obstruction.
14,	Robert Acherson,	27	3		Bright's Disease.
March 1,	Patrick McMahon,	80	9	15	Senile Gangrene.
4,	Mary H. Dickerman (Niles), . . .	84	6	25	Old Age.
5,	William Thayer,	75			Pneumonia.
11,	Benjamin T. Bryant,	73			Asthma.
11,	Joseph Wales Harris,	70	4	14	Apoplexy.
13,	Mary Ellen White (Upham) (Baker),	51			Erysipelas.
26,	Louisa C. Reed,	72	3	3	Chronic Intestinal Ulcera- tion.
29,	— Jones (twin),			1	Infantile.
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April 8,	Catharine Sullivan (McDonough) .	71			Senile Melancholia.
10,	Francis Hollis,	79	1	17	Paralysis.
10,	Margaret A. Gorton (Taylor), . .	44			Bright's Disease.
10,	Albert Emerson Baker,	2	10	5	Pneumonia.
10,	Edson M. Roel,	65	1	2	Pneumonia.
18,	Noah Holbrook,	71	8	29	Pneumonia.
16,	Emeline Bennett (Linfild), . . .	67	9	12	Paralysis.
21,	Lydia A. Martin (Patridge), . . .	42	11	7	Congestion of Lungs.
May 4,	Dennis B. Kelliher,	22	9	26	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
6,	Bessie A. Lawlor,		1	8	Tuberculus Meningitis.
11,	Catharine E. Sinclair (Shepard), .	29			Typhoid Fever.
11,	Lucy May Hayes,			26	Erysipelas.
15,	Bridget Agnes Gogan,	16	2	8	Typhoid Fever.
21,	Cora A. Holbrook,		4	26	Spinal Bifida.
June 11,	Samuel Chessman,	66	4	25	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
14,	Lewis E. Delano,	1	3	20	Croupal Diphtheria.
18,	Ellen G. Hand,	18	9	17	Scrofulosis.
23,	Stephen H. Guinan,	1	5	21	Measles.
23,	Edwin Chessman,	59	2		Intestinal Obstruction.
July 7,	Benjamin Thayer,	91	5	29	Old Age.
14,	Sylvia Tilson (Dickerman), . . .	73		26	Caris of Mastoid.
31,	Elizabeth Barrett (Burke), . . .	78	4		Old Age.
Aug. 3,	Henry Bradford Howard,	48	6	7	Typhoid Fever.
4,	Andrew J. Lyons,	28	11	20	Cancer.—
12,	Ruth Holbrook,	95	1	10	Carcinoma and Old Age.
14,	Patrick Wren,	66	5		Inflammation of Stomach and Bowels.
Sept. 4,	Mary Porter Mann,	15	4	3	Chorea.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.			DISEASE.
		Y.	M.	D.	
Aug. 30,	Roxanna Purcell (Ward), . . .	33	7	27	Gastrito Enteritis.
31,	Luther F. Thayer, . . .	76	8	15	Heart Disease.
Sept. 1,	Thomas Dumphy, . . .	74			Bronchitis.
8,	Mary A. Madigan (Frehy), . . .	47			Morbus Cordis.
14,	Catharine Moore (Keegan), . . .	75			Inflammation of Stomach.
16,	John Reynolds, . . .	87			Old Age.
17,	Isabella O'Brien, . . .	1	6	5	Morbili Pneumonia.
18,	Ellen Ahearn, . . .	70			Ovarian Tumor.
Oct. 7,	Catharine Jane Shields, . . .		2	11	Marasmus.
11,	A. E. McGarigle (McLaughlan), . . .	29	3	18	Phthisis.
11,	Margaret Good (Welch), . . .	76			Consumption.
23,	George Fowkes, . . .	54			Pneumonia.
26,	Cinderilla Jones, . . .	59	10	15	Cancer. -
29,	Halpin, . . .			1	Premature Birth.
Nov. 9,	Mary Maney (Carroll), . . .	44			Consumption.
16,	Nellie Tirrell, . . .	12	11	16	Consumption.
17,	Esther Ann Belcher, . . .	48	11	1	Tumor. -
24,	Mary Ann Fitzgerald (Smith), . . .	42			Phthisis Pulmonalis.
29,	Luke O'Reilly, . . .	45	8	21	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
30,	Harriet Ryan, . . .	76		9	Paralysis.
Dec. 3,	Royal S. Holbrook, . . .	81		1	Phthisis Oesophagitis.
8,	Thomas Mulligan, . . .	67			Acute Nephritis.
20,	George L. Kennedy, . . .	26	8	26	Consumption.
26,	Ebenezer Kingman, . . .	61	9	15	Atrophic Cirrhosis.

Under 5 years of age	13
Between 5 years and 10 years	0
" 10 " " 20 "	4
" 20 " " 30 "	6
" 30 " " 40 "	1
" 40 " " 50 "	9
" 50 " " 60 "	6
" 60 " " 70 "	8
" 70 " " 80 "	18
" 80 " " 90 "	6
" 90 " " 100 "	2
Total	73
The average age of the 73 who died is	49 years

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES.

Asthenia, Bronchitis, Caris Mastoid, Chorea, Carcimonia, Acute Nephritis, Croupal Diphtheria, Congestion of Lungs, Atrophic Cirrhosis, Chronic Intestinal Ulceration, Diphtheria, Fracture of Hip, Tuberculus Meningitis, Spinal Bifida, Scrofulosis, Measles, Gastrito Enteritis, Inanition, Morbilli Pneumonia, Ovarian Tumor, Marasmus, Typhoid Pneumonia, Schirrus, Senile Gangrene, Senile Melancholia, Premature Birth, Tumor, Phthisis Oesophagitis, one each	28
Erysipelas, Intestinal Obstruction, Cancer, Inflammation Stomach and Bowels, Phthisis, Morbus Cordis, Apoplexy, Bright's Disease, Infantile, two each	18
Typhoid Fever, Heart Disease, three each	6
Phthisis Pulmonalis, Old Age, Consumption, Paralysis, four each	16
Pneumonia	5
Total	73

Any person perceiving any error in the record of Births, Marriages and Deaths will please report them to me, and have the same corrected.

HIRAM C. ALDEN,
Town Clerk.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
NORFOLK, SS. }

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Randolph in said
County,* GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Randolph, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at Stetson Hall in said town, on Monday, the fifth day of April next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles ; namely, —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all such town officers as towns are by law authorized and required to choose at their annual meeting ; also one trustee for Stetson School Fund, for three years.

ART. 3. To vote by ballot, "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

ART. 4. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the support of schools, and appropriate the same.

ART. 6. To raise money for the repairs of highways, and determine the manner of expending the same.

ART. 7. To raise money to defray the general town ex-

penses for the ensuing year, and make appropriations thereof.

ART. 8. To raise such amount of money as may be deemed advisable for the reduction of the town debt, and make appropriation for the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to engines and pay of enginemen, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 10. To see if the town will accept the list of jurors as prepared by the selectmen, and posted according to law.

ART. 11. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to appoint special officers to enforce the laws, and raise and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 12. To see if the town will make an appropriation for the decoration of soldiers' graves under the direction of Captain Horace Niles Post 110, G.A.R.

ART. 13. To see what action the town will take relative to medical attendance upon the poor for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 15. To see if the town will authorize the town treasurer to borrow money for the purpose of taking up all town notes now outstanding, and issue new notes therefor, making them payable two thousand dollars per year.

ART. 16. To see if the town will authorize and appoint the selectmen to be agents and attorneys for the town, to prosecute, defend, compromise and settle any and all suits and proceedings in which the town may be in any way engaged or interested as a party or otherwise, for the ensuing year.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to use the same means which a town treasurer may use when acting as collector.

ART. 18. To see if the town will authorize the collector of taxes to charge interest at the rate of six per centum per annum on all taxes remaining unpaid on and after October 10, 1886.

ART. 19. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the trustees of Stetson High School fund to allow the firemen and all societies of the town, the use of Stetson Hall, free of charge, except the janitor's fee, such fee to be as low as possible, as petitioned for by Michael J. Daly and others.

ART. 20. To hear and act on the report of any committee and to choose any committee the town may think proper.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at five or more public places in said town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, on or before the day and hour for said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Randolph, this nineteenth day of March A.D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

ROYAL T. MANN,
JOHN B. THAYER,
RUFUS A. THAYER,
Selectmen of Randolph.

A true copy.

Attest: THOMAS FARRELL,
Constable of Randolph.

REPORT OF VITAL STATISTICS

FOR THE TOWN OF RANDOLPH FROM JANUARY 1, 1876,
TO JANUARY 1, 1886.

COMPILED BY F. C. GRANGER, M.D.

A retrospective glance at the mortality of Randolph for the past ten years may not be wholly unprofitable or uninteresting, yet the compilation of vital statistics demands no small amount of labor to make them intelligible and useful. It is a lamentable fact all over the world where certificates of death are required, that too little attention is paid to careful and scientific reports by those whose duty by law it becomes to make them, hence positive data are often difficult to obtain and approximations only can be arrived at.

In a number of instances symptoms of a disease are returned for the disease itself, *e.g.*, dropsy, which is not a disease of itself, but the result of the disease of some organ.

A class, also, is denominated as "unknown," under which such ambiguous returns as "both lungs diseased,"—no allusion whether acute or chronic—"skin disease, dissipation, congestion"—of what?—"fever, enlargement of the glands of the stomach, sudden cold," &c., are classed.

The neglect of the return of the sex of 25 is certainly inexcusable.

It argues well for longevity to note that while 27% of the whole number of deaths are under 5, the next largest percentage is between the ages of 70 and 80, which is 14% ; the

next, between 60 and 70, which is 12%, while 1% lived to between 90 and 100.

This study has been directed particularly to the mortality from consumption, pneumonia and diphtheria. These have been tabulated in respect to months, sex and age. See "Summary A."

CONSUMPTION.

There were reported 133 deaths, of which 71 were males and 62 females, with an average age of 45 and 37, respectively, the oldest being 81 and the youngest 6 months.

The distribution of deaths through the several months of the year somewhat changes the popular idea, as the "uneven April" and the "sunny June" each record more deaths than the "uphill of May."

PNEUMONIA.

The whole number of returns for the decade was 67, of which 28 were males and 39 females, whose average ages were respectively 50 and 48 years, the oldest being 83, and the youngest 1 year.

In 1887, no return of death from pneumonia was made, while July is the only month in which no death occurred; but 1882 rolls up the unusual number of 15.

DIPHTHERIA.

Although no death was reported from pneumonia in 1877, diphtheria made fearful havoc, there being 38 deaths in one year, and in a period of fifteen months, from December, 1876, to March, 1878, 44 deaths, or about 71% of the whole number of deaths from this disease for the ten years. During the years of 1880 and 1883 no death from diphtheria was

reported. Of the 62 deaths, 36 were males and 26 females, with an average age of $4\frac{3}{4}$ and 5 years.

OLD AGE.

It seems that had more care been exercised in diagnosis, fewer than 53 deaths would have been returned from this cause. Of this number, 27 were males and 26 females, with the average ages of 81 and 82 years, respectively.

CASUALTIES.

Under this head have been arranged as follows: Deaths from lightning, run over, falling, cutting throat, each 1; shooting, 2, hanging, 4, drowning, 5, railroad accident, 7, and asphyxia, 8: in all, 30.

SUMMARY A.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.	Per Cent.	Males.	Av. Age.	Females.	Av. Age.
Consumption,	12	11	10	14	10	14	6	9	10	14	14	9	133	18	71	45	62	37
Pneumonia,	11	8	10	10	8	5	0	1	1	3	8	2	67	9	28	50	39	48
Diphtheria	10	11	3	5	5	11	2	1	5	5	4	2	62	8	36	43	26	5

SUMMARY B.

Abscess Cerebral,	1	Dentition,	2
Abscess Maxillary,	1	Diabetes,	2
Abscess Perinephritic,	2	Diphtheria,	62
Anæmia,	2	Dropsy,	8
Anthrax,	1	Dysentery,	3
Aphtha,	1	Epilepsy,	3
Apoplexy,	39	Erysipelas,	7
Ascaris Lumbricoides,	1	Fracture of Hip,	1
Asthénia,	6	Gangrene,	2
Atelecstasis,	1	Gangrene Senile,	1
Atrophic Cirrhosis,	1	Gastritis,	6
Bilious Fever,	1	General Debility,	8
Brain "	28	Heart Disease,	37
Bright's Disease,	16	Hepatitis,	6
Bronchitis,	1	Hernia,	1
Cancer,	21	Hydrargysm,	1
Canker,	1	Infantile,	41
Caries of Spine,	1	Inflammation of Bowels,	11
" " Mastoid,	1	" " Throat,	1
Casualties,	30	Intestinal Obstruction,	4
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis,	7	Intussusception,	2
" " Sclerosis,	7	Jaundice,	1
Cholera Infantum,	18	Laryngitis,	1
Chorea,	1	Locomotor Ataxia,	1
Congenital Malformation,	1	Lupus,	1
Consumption,	133	Malaria,	1
Convulsions,	14	Marasmus,	12
Croup,	9	Measles,	1
Cyanosis,	1	Neurosthenia,	3
Cystitis,	3		

Old Age,	53	Renal Calculus,	1
Orchitis,	1	Rheumatism,	1
Ovarian Tumor,	1	Scarlatina,	3
Paralysis Agitans,	1	Scrofula,	5
Peritonitis,	6	Senile Melancholia,	1
Phlebetis,	1	Septicæmia,	6
Pleuritis,	1	Softening of Brain,	4
Pneumonia,	67	Spina Bifida,	4
Posterior Spinal Sclero-		Stillborn,	20
sis,	1	Stomatitis,	1
Puerperal Fever,	4	Tumor,	4
" Mania,	1	" Fibroid,	1
Purpura Hæmorrhagica,	1	Typhoid Fever,	15
Pyæmia,		Unknown,	13
		Whooping Cough,	4

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GENERAL SUMMARY.															
	Males.	Females.	Unknown.	Total.	Under 5.	5 to 10.	10 to 20.	20 to 30.	30 to 40.	40 to 50.	50 to 60.	60 to 70.	70 to 80.	80 to 90.	90 to 100.
1876	33	34	2	69	18	3	3	7	5	7	6	9	5	5	1
1877	48	62	0	110	47	14	7	10	5	4	3	4	8	8	
1878	34	40	0	74	25	2	5	9	3	4	4	7	9	6	
1879	37	43	0	80	26	5	2	4	6	5	6	10	8	8	
1880	33	34	6	73	13	2	3	6	2	7	9	15	10	4	2
1881	41	33	2	76	21	2	4	9	5	6	7	7	8	6	1
1882	40	50	4	94	18	1	3	10	4	6	9	10	23	9	1
1883	40	31	3	74	17	1	2	6	4	3	8	14	14	4	1
1884	39	35	5	79	20	3	2	6	3	9	8	9	13	5	1
1885	31	39	3	73	13	0	4	6	1	9	6	8	18	6	2
Totals	376	401	25	802	218	33	35	73	38	60	66	93	116	61	9
Per cent	47	50	3		27	4	4	9	5	7	8	12	14	8	1

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